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Love affair puts Parkinson's future in doubt

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday attempted to brave the scandal created by his own announcement that he was the father of a baby expected next January by his former secretary, Miss Sara Keays.

He announced just before midnight on Wednesday that in spite of a previously expressed wish to marry Miss Keays, it had now been decided that he would remain with his wife. Yesterday, before leaving his London home *for his departmental office*, he said that his marriage would survive. "We will get over it", he said.

He later attended the normal Thursday Cabinet meeting and a Downing Street lunch in honour of the deputy prime minister of Iraq, before returning to his Victoria Street office to work on ministerial papers.

Downing Street emphasized again that the Prime Miister viewed the matter as "private" and it was stated that Mr Parkinson would still be addressing next week's Conservative Party conference, when he is billed to reply to a Thursday afternoon debate on "Free enterprise and industry".

Nevertheless, senior Conservatives remained sceptical about the "high risk" strategy being pursued by Mrs Margaret Thatcher amd her trusted colleague. It was felt that if media attention continued to focus on Mr Parkinson, Miss Keays and, next year, the baby itself, it was difficult to see how the minister could possibly survive.

The Prime Minister may have been informed of Mr Parkinson's long-standing affair with Miss Keays by either the Home Secretary or the director-general of the Security Service at the time of the minister's inclusion in the Falklands war Cabinet in April last year.

Mrs Thatcher ruled after the Blunt affair, in November 1979 that: "The director-general should report to the Home Secretary if he receives information about a present or former minister or senior public servant indicating that he may be, or may have been, a security risk, unless circumstances are so exceptional that he judges it necessary to report direct to the Prime Minister."

Mr. Parkinson yesterday overruled the recommendation of the Director General of Fair Trading to refer a proposed takeover, for part of Ranks Hovis McDougall, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Mr Parkinson, whose predecessor, Lord Cockfield, made several controversial decisions, had earlier said he would seek to follow the advice of the director general, Sir Gordon Borrie.

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Neither Downing Street nor the Home Office was willing yesterday to be drawn on the possible security aspects of Mr Parkinson's affair.

In his report on the Profumo affair in 1963, Lord Denning said: "In my opinion immorality or discreditable conduct is only a security risk if it is committed in such circumstances that it might expose the person concerned to blackmail or undue pressures.

"I would not ordinarily regard adultery as a security risk when committed clandestinely with a person who was not likely to resort to blackmail. Much must depend, however, on the circumstances."

Given that Mr Parkinson had access to the most sensitive military and diplomatic information at the time of the Falklands crisis, the Security Service would have had special cause to ensure that the particular circumstances of Mr Parkinson's relationship were understood by the Home Secretary, then Mr William Whitelaw, or by the Prime Minister.

Mrs Thatcher's distaste for scandal or even the hint of sexual transgression by members of her frontbench team is well-known in Whitehall and at Westminster. She has dismissed men from her team, and has failed to promote others, at the slightest hint of domestic difficulty.

In that regard the Prime Minister undoubtedly reflects the moral code of her own party rank-and-file, but she is also acutely conscious of the political consequences of public *scandal*.

The fact that Mr Parkinson's resignation was not required is therefore seen as a measure of Mrs Thatcher's undoubted liking and respect for one of her own inner circle in the cabinet.

But last month's announcement of a replacement of Mr Parkinson as Conservative Party chairman may well have been a *calculated* attempt at damage limitation, particularly if Mrs Thatcher had early warning of Miss Keays's April pregnancy.

Mr Parkinson is due to speak tonight to a parliamentary dinner club at Eastbourne. On Sunday, October 16, after next week's Conservative Party Conference at Blackpool, he will leave for visits to the United States and Japan where he will discuss investment by American and Japanese companies in Britain.

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Man of the moment: Mr Kinnock making his keynote speech yesterday.

Kinnock in plea for health service

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor, Brighton

Mr Neil Kinnock, the new leader of the Labour Party, yesterday appealed to people of all parties and none to join with *Labour in defence of the* National Health Service, "the fundamental, essential health service without which this country ceases to be civilized".

He promised the Labour conference in Brighton that his first act when the leadership passes to him today would be to write to the Prime Minister and demand an early debate in Parliament on the cuts in the health service.

Mr Kinnock, who was making his first conference speech since his brief acknowledgement of his election on Sunday, said that although they meant to expose the harm done to the health service, they knew what the Government's response would be: that the resources needed could not be afforded until the country was more efficient.

And starting from there he set Labour's social values against his idea of Conservative ones, redefining efficiency, realism and finally patriotism in a long passage which brought the conference to its feet.

It was not efficiency which reduced investment and drove capital abroad, he said. It was economic treachery.

He had had enough of dreamers like Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph, who believed recovery could come from mass bankruptcies. Realists knew they must produce their way out of slump, and that production needed investment and demand.

Mr Kinnock said that the kind of patriotism which the people of Britain felt was "the patriotism of peace, care, justice, liberty and confidence". He wondered that "blimpish patriots" like Mrs Thatcher, *who took millions from the* caring services, did not choke on the word patriotism.

The speech was important and the speaker nervous, but he need not have worried. The audience was with him, and it was notable that he drew applause from each section of it – constituency parties and trade unions as well as MPs – which leaders have not always achieved.

Mr Roy Hattersley, his deputy, said that the speech was marvellous.

The delegates noticed the gaps, but most were relieved that their new leader said nothing on the sensitive topics of counter inflation or defence. He may have twenty or more conferences as leader to make those omissions good.

Mr Kinnock opened with the gentlest of reminders to the party that they had put him in charge. His immense support, he said, gave him the authority to insist that the purpose of his leadership would be to advance the cause of Labour

He spoke with pointed emphasis of Parliament as "the major weapon of democratic socialism".

And he ended by reminding the conference of what it well knew, that only a united party could defeat the Conservative enemy.

"If we try by groups and factions we won't do it", Mr Kinnock said

Row over Golding's Nobel Prize

By a Staff Reporter

The British novelist William Golding was awarded the 1983 Nobel Prize for Literature yesterday, but in an unprecedented breach of the usual secrecy one of the Nobel academicians publicly disagreed with the choice.

In its citation, the 18-member academy said the 72-year-old novelist had won the prize for illuminating the human condition through the perspicuity of his realistic narrative and his use of universal myth.

But Mr Artur Lundkvist disagreed, describing the novelist in an interview with the Swedish news agency TT as "a little English phenomenon of no special interest".

No one was available for comment at the Swedish academy. Earlier there had been a hint that the academy session was a turbulent one

Golding is the ninth British or Irish writer to win the prize since it was founded in 1901, and follows in the footsteps of Kipling, Yeats, Shaw, Galsworthy, Eliot, Churchill, Russell, and Samuel Beckett. The prize this year is worth 1.5 million kronor (£130,000).

Golding, who achieved instant fame with his first book *Lord of the Flies*, went horse-riding after learning of his prize to try to absorb the news.

Last night, at his Wiltshire home, he said he felt "overwhelmed" by news of the award.

"There never was a writer", said Mr Golding, "who did not dream of such an award. But usually it is a kind of supposing, a kind of daydream. Then commonsense intervenes and you tell yourself 'don't be so silly, why should I be singled out?'.

"I suppose there are a number of adjectives", he added, "to describe the way I feel – stunned, overwhelmed, incredulous, unable to believe. But none of them really match up to it. I keep wondering if it's really true."

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Walesa speaks up for comrades

Mr Lech Walesa, the Nobel peace laureate, yesterday spoke out for imprisoned Solidarity supporters in Poland but said that it would be difficult for him to collect his award as long as his fellow activists were "in jail and starving" (Roger Boyes writes).

The former leader of the disbanded Solidarity trade union was speaking at a news conference held in a tower of St Brigid's, the church of the Lenin shipyard workers in Gdansk. The walls of the room were festooned with posters saying "Nobel", in the red ink and blotchy lettering of the Solidarity logo.

No foreign firms for Exchange

The London Stock Exchange is unlikely to allow foreign companies to take over any of its member firms, despite moves to ease entry under reform plans agreed with the Government, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Exchange, said yesterday.

The Stock Exchange, he said, had "not yet thought through" its attitude towards foreign ownership of stockbroking firms. Overseas interests can acquire a maximum of 29.9 per cent of a member company at present. Total control could be exercised by several overseas interests but the Exchange would prohibit those interests working in concert.

He would also want foreign firms to sell any holding over the permitted level that came from a takeover or merger between stockbrokers.

There would be no rules, however, to prevent a foreign brokerage house from acquiring a minority stake in several different firms.

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New structure for big city councils

By David Walker

New municipal committees are to be set up to replace the Greater London Council and the Metropolitan Counties in Government plans to be set out *in a White Paper today*.

New joint boards of councillors nominated from district councils will be established to run fire and police in South and West Yorkshire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, the West Midlands and Tyne and Wear.

But the London Fire Service is to become a responsibility of boroughs in the outer area of the capital; in *Inner London* fire, like education, will be run by a joint committee of councillors.

Rate levies by the new boards are to be strictly controlled, a draft of the White Paper, leaked to the magazine *Local Government Chronicle*, has suggested.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment *is to take power directly to control* the new bodies for at least three years, to ensure that costs are kept down, the magazine says in its issue published today.

The White Paper envisages that many of the assets belonging to the GLC and the Metropolitan Countries – possibly including London's County *Hall – are to be sold. The* Thames Water Authority is to take over responsibility for the barrier across the river at Woolwich and flood prevention in the GLC area.

A special commission for town and country planning in the capital may be established to look after the green belt, but it is expected that the GLC's responsibility for major roads will pass to the Department of Transport.

In the conurbations, the White Paper suggests that individual districts, such as Birmingham or Manchester, should assume responsibility on behalf of others in managing services such as refuse disposal.

But in the main it is the district councils which are to inherit the functions of the present Metropolitan Counties.

Confident Shergar owners add to reward

By John Witherow

The owners of kidnapped racehorse Shergar believe he is still alive and have increased the reward for the £10m Derby winner to more than £100,000.

Some of them, including the Aga Khan and Swiss industrialist Walter Haeffner, met in Paris at the weekend with a representative of Lloyd's of *London, which has paid out* £7m and is now technically owner of the stallion.

They agreed to increase the reward money to a six-figure sum in return for Shergar's safe return and the conviction of the kidnappers who took the horse from its stable in Newbridge, Co Kildare, eight months ago.

A Lloyd's spokesman said: "We believe the horse is still alive and felt that the trail was getting colder and colder. By increasing the reward we hope to flush out the kidnappers."

He added that the group would meet again in either London or Paris within three weeks to decide on the precise amount of money. At present there are two rewards: one of *£50,000 offered by the Irish* Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and one of £10,000 put up by Sporting Life. The new reward would take the total money on offer to well over £100,000.

But he emphasized that this did not indicate there had been contact with the kidnappers. The clause demanding the *conviction of the kidnappers* drew criticism yesterday from Shergar's vet Mr Stanley Cosgrove, "The bigger ransom might tempt someone to talk, but the proviso of conviction is stupid," he said. "it is quite unlikely a conviction could be obtained."

Lloyd's responded by saying the owners and the underwriters *"would not be ungenerous"* if they recovered the horse without arresting the kidnappers, but the reward money would probably be smaller.

Since Shergar's disappearance the hunt has been bedevilled by hoaxes, clues from clairvoyants and persistent rumours that the Ballymany stud was having secret *negotiations*.

Various theories maintain that Shergar died accidentally at the hands of his captors or was killed as a malicious act against his owners, but there remains a belief in racing circles that he is still alive.

Mr Cosgrove commented: "If the horse were dead we would have got evidence that he was dead, so I think he is still alive."

Although Lloyd's has paid out £7m in insurance, £2m worth of the horses value was not covered by any policy while £800,000 will only be paid if he is proved to be dead.

Irish police maintain the hunt is continuing, but admits there have been no new leads for several months.

Benn loses 'Unionist veto' fight

By Philip Webster

The Labour conference in Brighton yesterday decisively rejected a reversal of party policies proposed by Mr Wedgwood Benn, but opposed by the national executive, to end the Unionist veto on progress towards a united Ireland.

Mr Benn angered his fellow NEC members by moving the policy switch from the conference floor as a constituency party delegate. He was bitterly attacked during a bad-tempered debate by Mr Don Concannon, Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman.

Mr Concannon was hissed, booed and slow handclapped, mainly by constituency delegates, as he defended the party's policy of unification only by consent but Mr Benn, in a rare conference defeat, was beaten by the votes of the big unions.

His motion was rejected by 4,856,000 votes to 913,000.

Treasury claims challenged

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

Claims by Treasury ministers that without severe pruning of state spending taxes may have to rise steeply over the coming decade are attacked today by the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies. Such claims are "seriously misleading", it says.

Detailed calculations by the IFS suggest that, even on unfavourable assumptions, the Government can easily afford to finance present programmes with existing levels of taxation.

In confidential documents drawn up for the Cabinet last year, disclosed exclusively in *The Times* on June 30, 1982, officials predicted that if the economy failed to grow, income tax might have to rise by 15p in the pound or VAT be doubled to prevent the gap between state spending and revenues from widening. Extracts from these documents are reprinted in *The Times* today.

An updated version, which draws similar conclusions, is to be considered by the Cabinet shortly.

But according to the IFS, the Treasury has been far too *pessimistic about what is likely* to happen to Government revenues, even if growth is slow. It says the Treasury may be trying to "scare" spending ministers into agreeing to big cuts in programmes, not to avoid higher taxes but to create room for the big tax reduction the government hopes to deliver in time for the next election.

Even on the Treasury's most gloomy assumptions for the economy – with growth slowing to ½ per cent a year in the second half of the decade – the Institute calculates that in 1990 state borrowing will take only a slightly higher share of economic output than today. Its forecast of 3 per cent compares with the Treasury's 7 per cent *on the same assumptions*.

Assuming quite rapid growth of 2½ per cent a year between now and 1990, the Treasury expects state borrowing to fall to 2 per cent of output, while the IFS predicts that the Government will actually be in surplus, with revenues exceeding spending.

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Petrol prices to fall this winter

Petrol prices will fall this winter to below £1.80 a gallon as Britain's big three suppliers – Shell, Esso and BP – benefit from the economy and their own staff cuts.

With the drop in Rotterdam spot-market prices, profits at the pumps are giving the companies room for cuts, likely to be anounced by the end of this month.

However, cheaper petrol will only be available for a limited period, the oil firms say. Investment to produce low-lead high octane fuel will lead to big increases in refining costs.

Leicester's local radio station signs off

By Kenneth Gosling

On the eve of the tenth anniversary of independent local radio, one of the network's 43 stations, Centre Radio at Leicester, has gone into voluntary liquidation, the first to cease trading since commercial radio began. The closure means the number of stations is reduced temporarily from 43 to 42.



It was "very much regretted" by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, which will readvertise the contract as soon as possible.

Listeners in the Leicester area will be able to hear programmes relayed by one of the oldest stations, Radio Trent at Nottingham, once arrangements have been made for the signal to be transmitted there.

Centre Radio's backers raised £750,000 to set up the station two years ago. A rescue bid by local businessmen failed when the IBA refused to allow a new consortium to take over because in had not been given enough information and that the bid would have amounted to the station being taken over by a completely new company.

As a result the board of directors said yesterday that they had no alternative but to cease trading. A meeting of creditors and shareholders will be held at a future date.

Mr Tony Cook, the station's head of news, said Centre Radio had lost £250,000 in its first year and £125,000 in the second. "We are now trading at just below break even level", he said.

"Our failure stems from our early losses being so enormous – we were always batting against that, but our local sales force had been doing tremedously well and this side had been improving enormously but it was too late to do any good".

The station has been without a managing director for the past few weeks since Mr Maurice Bass left to take a similar post at Radio Luxembourg. "A good part of our turnaround in fortunes was due to him", Mr Cook said.

It was emphasized yesterday that although 24 independent stations are still less than three years old, all are in a healthy state. It is estimated that more than 20m people tune into the stations every week.

Telecom answers critics by promising freeze on telephone charges

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

Telephone charges are to be held for a year after the proposed rise of 2.9 per cent in November.

The announcement made by British Telecom yesterday came in the wake of an attack by the Post Office Users' National Council on the increases, which were described by the council as unnecessary and unjustifiable at this time. The council called for a deferment until April next year.

The proposed increase is weighted in favour of the business user, with the increase split 3.2 per cent on the residential customer and 2.7 per cent on business. The corporation claims that it cannot continue to hold charges at present levels and also meet financial targets set by the Government.

In a statement yesterday the users' council said: "While we have sympathy with British Telecom having to carry this additional financial burden, we believe that it should be able to generate the additional revenue required from further internal economies. The revenue gained from the price increase would be very small in relation to turnover and operating costs, and should be attainable from such efficiency measures."

British Telecom reported a profit for the last financial year of £365m in July. At the time the corporation confirmed that there would be no increases before November, but emphasized that such a freeze could not continue.

It reacted to the council's criticisms by saying in a statement: "This additional income is needed in the current year to meet the various financial objectives set by the Government, to provide a sound financial basis for the continual development and improvement of services, and to continue the major investment in Britain's telecommunications network – currently running at nearly £2,000m a year.

It is the Government's intention to begin selling 51 per cent of British Telecom to the private sector next autumn.

● British Telecom yesterday stepped up disciplinary action against telephone engineers taking "guerrilla" industrial action, in the wake of the legal action mounted against union leaders by the private enterprise Mercury Communications (Our Labour Correspondent writes).

More than 40 engineers, most of them at one of the main international exchanges in London, were sent home for refusing to carry out instructions they claimed were contrary to the policy of their union.

Canadian challenge

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Northern Telecom, the Canadian telecommunications company, is moving into Britain with the intention of winning orders from British Telecom for public telephone exchanges.

Mr Walter Light, chief executive of Northern Telecom, said in London yesterday that the company would recruit about 220 people within a year, mainly highly skilled engineers. Most will work at Hemel Hempstead, the manufacturing and product development centre, but 70 will go to a new research lab

The immediate capital investment will be about £6m and Mr Light expects sales to reach £200m a year and the United Kingdom workforce 2,500 within five years. He made clear that that would depend on Northern Telecom selling exchanges on a significant scale to British Telecom, a market dominated by GEC, Plessey and STC.

Raising hopes: Chay Blyth leaving London for New York in his 65ft trimaran, Beefeater, yesterday. On November 11 he will begin an attempt to break the record of 89 days 21 hours for the New York-San Francisco passage via Cape Horn

Regional arts may be funded centrally

By Christopher Warman Arts Correspondent

Selected regional arts organizations could be funded by the Government after the abolition of the metropolitan county councils, which at present provide almost £12m in grants.

They are likely to be included on a list of companies drawn up for special consideration, reflecting the concern of Lord Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, for their future.

Among those which could qualify for special treatment are the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, the Hallé Orchestra, The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, the Walker Art Gallery on Merseyside, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Opera North in West Yorkshire.

The Greater London Council, also due for abolition, has a budget for grants to cultural bodies of more than £7m, which does not include the cost of the South Bank halls, which the GLC owns and runs at a net cost of some £4m a year.

The White Paper on the abolition of the authorities is to be published today, with a consultative document about its effect on the arts expected later.

EXAMPLES OF METROPOLITAN COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS GRANTS 1983-84

	£000s
Greater Manchester	
Museum of Science and Industry	573
Royal Exhange Theatre	351
Halle Orchestra	353
Northern Ballet Theatre	230
Merseyside	
Liverpool Playhouse	91
Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra	382
Beatles Museum	208
Walker Art Gallery	1,112
South Yorkshire	
Sheffield Crucible	64
Theatre Vanguard	8.6
Sheffield Bach Society	4.5
Tyne and Wear	
Northern Sinfonia	88.7
Sunderland Empire	217
Newcastle Theatre Royal	185
Whitley Bay Playhouse	28.8
West Midlands	
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra	268
English Philharmonic Orchestra	25
Black Country Museum	47.2
Birmingham Railway Museum	40
West Yorkshire	
Opera North	100
Leeds Theatre Trust	50
Greater London	
English National Opera	975
London Festival Ballet	925
London Orchestral Concerts Board	725
National Theatre	725

Checks on concrete slab homes

The Government has asked for more safety checks on council houses and flats built on the Bison concrete slab system of the 1960s. Some slabs have fallen off, mostly, ministers think, through mistakes in building.

Local authorities which have any of the estimated 50,000 Bison homes in their area were asked yesterday to "satisfy themselves, if they have not done so already" that they are safe, and to report back within six weeks. Private owners were also urged to check.

Bombing materials found in prison

From Our Correspondent, Belfast

Bomb-making materials were found yesterday inside Magilligan prison, co Londonderry, the second find this week. They came to light a short time before the prison staff began a sit-in to protest against the presence of a time and motion expert in a visiting Northern Ireland Office, management team.

Last night the warders returned to normal working after talks on the demands.

For hours, while warders occupied their canteen, leaving only a skeleton staff on guard, all 450 inmates were locked in their cells and their intending visitors turned away.

Since Monday the Magilligan warders have been refusing to man prison workshops as a protest against what they claim was lax security. That had led to prisoners spending more time confined to their cells.

The suspect materials found yesterday, in the prison gymnasium were two watches for possible use as timers, electrical wire and camera flashbulbs.

On Monday, two ounces of commercial gelignite was found in a workshop hidden in a cavity between blocks of mahogany that had been glued together.

The Army yesterday denied suggestions from the Rev Ian Paisley that tailors' dummies clad in military gear were used in the military-manned watch towers around the Maze prison.

But initial denials that the so-called "sleeping sentries" were used anywhere in Northern Ireland were withdrawn after it was pointed out that one such dummy was photographed in a pill box beside Palace Barracks near Belfast, and the photograph was published in July. Military sources now admit that a small number of such dummies has occasionally been used, but in conjunction with manned sentry guard posts.

The dummy, in uniform, at Palace barracks, near Belfast

Straw fires policy reversed

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

The Countryside Commission reversed its policy on straw burning yesterday and called for a ban in three years. The commission was previously a strong supporter of voluntary controls and helped to write and revise the voluntary code of practice adopted by the National Farmers' Union.

Last month Mr Derek Barber, chairman of the commission, said he believed that straw burning after harvest might be banned after a period long enough for alternative methods of disposal to be found.

But the full commission, which has farmer members, took a tougher line, and decided to advise ministers that the practice should be phased out in three years because the voluntary code had not worked.

A commission spokesman said that monitoring by regional offices had shown that some farmers did not follow the code while others did not use it properly. In recent summers several road accidents have been blamed on straw fire which resulted in smoke blowing accross busy roads.

Police death family sentenced

A man, his son and daughter were convicted yesterday of the killing of Detective-Sergeant Ross Hunt, aged 56. They had used knives, poles and broom handles.

At the High Court in Glasgow, Hugh Murray, aged 51, was sentenced to life imprisonment with his married daughter, Margaret Smith, aged 23. Hugh Murray, aged 16, was ordered to be detained without limit.

Another son, James Murray, aged 28, who had been charged with the attempted murder of Detective-Constable Duncan Nicolson was convicted on a reduced charge of serious assault and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Mr William Murray, aged 20, was cleared of all charges.

Authorities claim health cuts will exceed target

By Nicholas Timmins

Many hundreds more health service jobs will have to be cut by March than the total of almost 5,000 that ministers set in their manpower targets, health authorities believe.

The reason is ministers' refusal to allow for unfilled vacancies at March 31 this year, the date from which the cuts were implemented, and discrepancies between health authorities figures for occupied posts at that date, and the figures they have been given to work on.

Brighton Health Authority, which under the figures handed down from the Department of Health makes a nominal gain of four jobs, has calculated it will have to cut several dozen jobs because it has filled vacant posts since March.

Merton and Sutton Health Authority says it will have to cut about 200 jobs, rather than the 152 it has been asked to. The authority is to consider the cuts at a meeting next week, but administrators said yesterday that 60 nurses' jobs would have to go in the district

Bloomsbury Health Authority in London has joined Wandsworth and the Richmond, Twickenham and Roehampton Health Authority in taking no action yet on the manpower cuts, and West Lambeth Health Authority, which includes St Thomas's teaching hospital, may join four others next week

Seven of its 16 authority members have proposed a motion rejecting the cuts which the Brent, Islington, Sheffield and Northumberland authorities have already voted not to implement.

Wickenden air crash verdict

A verdict of accidental death was recorded at the inquest on Mr Keith Wickenden, chairman of European Ferries and a former Conservative MP, who died when the light aircraft he was flying crashed at Shoreham Airport, Sussex, in July.

Mr Wickenden was testing a replacement engine on the twin-engined aircraft. A witness told the inquest at Worthing, Sussex, that he saw smoke coming from the engine as it took off.

More holiday price cuts

Rank Travel, Britain's fourth largest foreign package holidays operator is cutting the price of its winter holidays to match competition.

The company, which controls OSL, Wings and Ellerman Sunflights, is reducing some packages by £35, and undertakes to refund the difference if customers can find the same holiday for less elsewhere. Rank is also likely to cut prices in its 1984 summer brochures.

Teenage gang assaults girl

The police were seeking about 25 youths yesterday after a sexual assault on a girl aged 18 in Nottingham.

Two girls aged 18 were walking home when the gang, aged between 14 and 18, chased them along Forest Road into Larkdale Street. One girl escaped; the other was pushed to the ground and assaulted. Afterwards she was helped by a woman passer-by whom police art trying to trace.

Dockyard wins tall ships race

Chatham Dockyard, closed after 400 years as a naval base, is to host the tall ships race in the summer of 1985.

Rochester City Council Medway Ports Authority, Gillingham Council, and the development group English Industrial Estates believe it is a chance to advertise the dockyard, which is being turned into a £10m historic trust.

It is hoped that several old ships will be on permanent display.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 33; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $8.00; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; Yugoslavia Din 100

Baker wins pools twice

Mr Ken Barker, a baker, of Swaffham, Norfolk, won £89,000 on Littlewoods Football Pools in June, and yesterday received £46,000 from the same source.

After his first success, Mr Barker, a bachelor aged 48, carried on filling in his weekly coupon, only replacing his earlier winning system with a new one costing £1.10 a week.

Financial Times journalists settle pay deal

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Journalists at the *Financial Times* accepted a 6.7 per cent pay rise yesterday that will take their average salary to about £19,200 a year.

Members of the National Union of Journalists voted overwhelmingly to accept the company's "final" offer, which largely concedes their demand for a flat-rate increase and introduces a novel scheme for "portable" pensions.

The settlement follows limited industrial action that has delayed production of the newspaper.

In a package worth between 5 and 8.7 per cent to individuals the NUJ has negotiated a minimum increase of £1,000 a year.

Talks are now expected to begin on a redundancy deal based on provisions at least as good as those contained in printworkers' agreements, and on separate pension arrangements for "job mobile" journalist for the first time in Fleet Street.

Ford lays off 4,000 in delivery strike

Ford laid off 4,000 employees at its Halewood car plant on Merseyside last night because a five-week strike by delivery drivers is choking the plant with unsold cars.

At the same time Ford blamed the dispute for its poor sales performance last month when Austin Rover replaced it as market leader for the first time in five years.

The strike began when drivers employed by Silcock and Colling walked out in protest against planned redundancies. Since then the men's demands have been stepped up to include higher payments for moving the resulting backlog of 13,000 cars. The company delivers 60 per cent of Halewood's Escorts and the new Orion.

The indefinite lay-off affects just under half the plant's employees.

Ford said the breakdown in deliveries to dealers had come at the worst possible time. They were already short of new cars after the biggest August sales on record.

Last month however Austin Rover took 20.08 per cent of the new car registrations

Navy ready to order new submarine class

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Royal Navy hopes to place the order for the first of a new class of diesel-powered submarine within the next few weeks. The Type 2400 class will replace the Oberon class, which entered service during the 1960s.

The Type 2400 has been designed for use both in deep North Atlantic waters and in shallower continental shelf waters, its main task in war being to prevent Warsaw Pact submarines entering the Atlantic.

It will be almost the end of the decade before the first of the new submarines is in service and the Navy appears to be thinking of having about ten in service by the end of the century.

Negotiations with Vickers, who will build the first of the Type 2400s at a cost of more than £80m, are still in progress.

Compared with the Oberon class, the Type 2400 will be faster and quieter, have more sensitive sonar detection systems, and be capable of diving to a greater depth.

With a crew of about 44, it will carry at least 20 fewer men than the Oberon.

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Executive pay rises well ahead of inflation, but starting to level off

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

The salaries of British managers rose at more than twice the inflation rate in the year to July, although the rate increase appears to be coming down slowly.

The figures emerged yesterday from the annual executive salary survey conducted by Inbucon, the management consultants. The average excutive salary is now £1,305, and increase of 9.5 per cent.

Take-home pay, after all deductions, is up 10.4 per cent, with a real gain after taking inflation into account of £703 or 6 per cent. It was one of the biggest annual gains shown in the survey since it began 22 years ago.

The rate of increase is coming down slowly, Mr Nigel Bryant, manager of Inbucon's salary research unit, said. "Last year the average increase gross was around 11 per cent and now it has shaded down to just over 9 per cent. I get the feeling it could be at around 8 per cent in a year's time."

Despite the increases, the average executive is still 9 per cent worse off in real terms, than 10 years ago, the survey showed. Mr Bryant said: "Managers have not been uniquely feather-bedded. The manual worker in percentage terms has done better."

Average salaries for the various managerial grades are: mananging directors £31,177; directors £22,141; purchasing directors £21,905; company secretaries £20,337; senior production executives £18,616; financial executives £17,663; personnel executives £17,592; sales executives £16,484; data processing heads £15,912; data systems managers £13,984; chief engineers £13,775; distribution executives £13,442; cost accountants £12,045; senior data analysts £11,317.

More executives than before are getting fringe benefits like free medical insurance and five or more weeks holiday. But the dispensation of company cars may have reached its upper limit. In the past year 77 per cent of executives surveyed had company cars, a drop of 1 per cent on the previous year, after a climb from 62 per cent in 1976.

The longer holidays are now well established, with 67 per cent of executives getting five weeks or more against 42 per cent in 1980. Free medical insurance is enjoyed by 65 per cent although that brings a taxation penalty.

A minority, 36 per cent, get bonuses. The average was £1,969, or 11 per cent of basic salary.

There was a wide spread of increases for individual managers. Out of those surveyed 18 per cent saw rises of up to 5 per cent, 48 per cent got between 5 and 10 per cent and 34 per cent received increases of more than 10 per cent.

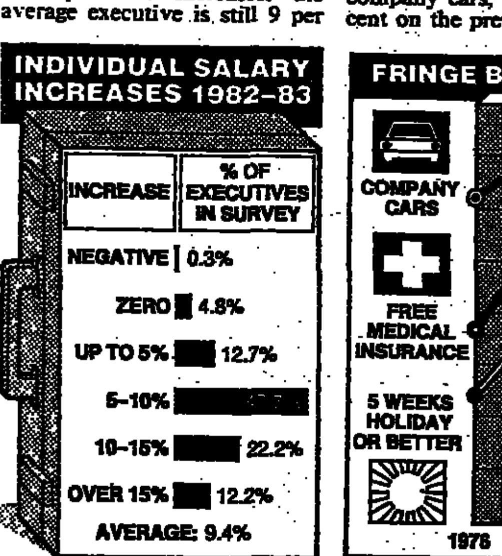
Only four main industrial sectors paid over the salary increase norm: food, drink, and tobacco; chemical and allied industries; construction; and the distributive trades.

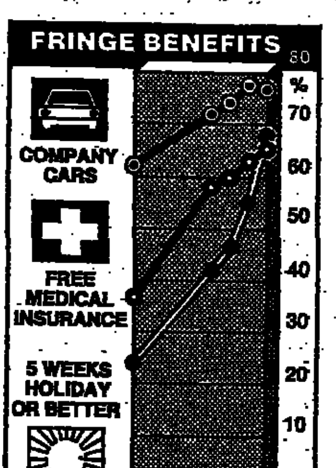
● The results of the survey as it applied to Scotland were given in Glasgow yesterday. A total of 606 Scottish executives in 53 companies took part.

Scottish salaries lagged behind the rest of the United Kingdom. Mr Hugh Hunter, head of Imbucon's Scottish operation, said the average salary of a Scottish executive was £17,176 (£12,369 after tax) compared with £15.790 gross (£11,276 net) a year earlier. "Taking into account the retail price index rise of 4.2 per cent, this shows a gain in purchasing power of about £620 for the year."

Scottish executives also enjoy fewer fringe benefits. Only 25.5 per cent for the rest of the United Kingdom.

22nd Imbucon Annual Survey of Executive Salaries and Fringe Benefits in the UK. (Imbucon, Salary Research Unit, 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RN; £110.)





Golding: Moralist exploring evil through parable

William Golding (left), who has been awarded the 1983 Nobel prize for literature, has been put forward as the modern English novelist whose work is most likely to survive (Philip Howard, Literary Editor, writes).

All his work is concerned with good and evil, to inculcate a moral lesson, and he does it through parable and fable. He once said that the affliction he had to bear in life was "the inability to write poetry".

Instead, he has produced his novels, short stories and a play, all of which are concerned with "the terrible disease of being human". What his fiction has to say is that "man produces evil as a bee produces honey", and its aim is to make man face "The sad fact of his own cruelty and lust".

He came to the calling of fiction late – he was in his late 40s before he published his first novel – and he has not been prolific.

Mr Golding, who is 72, was born in Cornwall. His father, a teacher at Marlborough Grammar School, moved the family to Wiltshire, where the novelist still lives.

After Brasenose, Oxford, Mr Golding served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War, and developed his passion for Greek literature during his hours on watch.

He spent some years as a writer, actor and producer in small theatrical companies, until in 1954 *Lord of the Flies*, his Swiftian picture of how preparatory school boys would behave if stranded unsupervized on a desert island, made his name overnight.

The Inheritors (1955) is a lament for Neanderthal man, and another grim picture of Homo sapiens. *Pincher Martin* (1956) is about the experiences of an apparently drowned sailor. *Free Fall* (1959) investigates most directly Mr Golding's main theme, the inevitability of original sin. *The Spire* (1964) concerns a medieval dean who denies all reason by trying to add a spire to his cathedral. *The Pyramid* (1967) is his most realistic novel, about a boy growing up in a placid village, with the symbolism and myth less insistent than usual. *Darkness Visible* (1979), as the Miltonic title suggests, is a study of evil embodied in our world, opening with a child being mutilated in the blitz. *Rites of Passage* (1980) won the Booker McConnell prize: it is another powerful Golding parable of good and evil

Mr Golding looks like an old sea dog, burly and bearded, and hale and hearty at 72. When he heard the news of the award at lunchtime yesterday, he went out riding on the downs for the afternoon.

Choristers suspended

Choristers at St George's Church at Wilton in Somerset have been "suspended" for a month because their singing has been judged tired and without direction.

Mr Gordon Pointing, the choirmaster, plans to introduce new blood before the choir is allowed to sing again, but several members have said they will not go back.

Mr John Ford, a retired naval lieutenant commmander, a chorister for 20 years, said: "I am not going to be stood down, dismissed, suspended or disbanded and then expected to go back again. It is just not on."

The suspension was also a surprise for Mr Bill Oaten who in May celebrated his sixtieth year with the choir.

No comment was available from Mr Pointing or the vicar, the Rev John Pritchard.

Shot policeman 'could have died'

A policeman shot by David Martin could have died, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday. Mr Kenneth Richardson, for the prosecution, said Constable Nicholas Carr possibly saved his own life by stemming the flow of blood from a wound in the groin.

Making his final speech to the jury on the twelfth day of the trial, Mr Richardson said PC Carr was one of a number of "ordinary decent policemen doing their job" when he was shot after Martin had been discovered at the London offices of Colour Film Services.

Mr Martin of, Marylebone, London, denies grievous bodily harm to PC Carr on August 5 last year, and 13 other charges including robbery, burglary and having firearms to resist arrest.

Mr Richardson said: "We have listened in this case to suggestions which might leave some of you with the idea that it is perfectly normal to go around with loaded guns. The law in this country is not like that."

In his closing speech, Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC, for the defence, admitted Mr Martin was "no knight in shining armour". But despite countless previous convictions, he had never tried to shoot anyone.

£8,356 for dismissed RAC man

By Craig Seton

The Royal Automobile Club has been told to pay one of its former salesmen £8,526 compensation for his dismissal, caused by his inability to recruit 700 new members for the motoring organization within a year.

The award was made by an industrial tribunal in Truro Cornwall which was told by Mr David Dormer, the salesman, that the Falklands conflict had been partly to blame for his failure to reach the target.

He was one of 10 RAC salesmen in Cornwall, where the RAF St Mawgan airfield and the Royal Navy's Culdrose helicopter base were two sales sites from which he was expected to obtain new members. Many men were away from the two airfields during the conflict.

The tribunal first heard Mr Dormer's claim in May, when Mr John Foster, district secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union said in presenting his case: "In the circumstances it was an impossible target."

The RAC countered with a claim that Mr Dormer, of Park Crescent, Ponsanooth, had shown a lack of capability and had failed to look for other sites.

But in a reserved decision given two weeks later, the tribunal found that the dismissal had been unreasonable and unfair. The RAC and Mr Dormer were asked to agree on compensation, but they had failed to do so. The tribunal has therefore fixed the compensation at £8,526, the maximum.

Mr Dormer said: "The social security department is likely to claim some of it, as I have been drawing from them. It will still be well worth having, although I would rather not have been sacked."

Italian cars are top of 'lemon' league

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

West German and Japanese cars are highly praised and Italian ones condemned as unreliable in the most extensive survey of car buying yet conducted by *Which* magazine.

Based on the experience of 25,000 members of the Consumers' Association, the survey shows that the Audi 80, Honda Quintet and Vauxhall Astra are the favourites when bought new, Honda takes second place to the BNW 5 series as the most popular second-hand model.

No Italian car figures in the list of members' favourites, but Italian models head the list of "lemons", cars they most regret buying. The Fiat 131 and the Lancia Beta are the most criticized new cars, while the Fiat 126 and the Lancia Beta are regarded as the worst second-hand buys.

The Lancia Beta range, which was the subject of a buy-back campaign because of rust problems, went out of production earlier this year.

No Italian car appears among the 35 which the Consumers' Association 's own tester selected as the best in their respective classes on road test results. The Alfasud has a mixed showing, being praised as "appealing to the keen driver" but criticized as one of the most unreliable and prone to rust.

Selected for special mention as the most unmpleasant cars to drive are the Fiat Panda, FSO 1500 Polonez, Morris Ital/Marina and the Skoda Estelle.

Vauxhall makes the best all-round showing of the United Kingdon-based car producers, underlining again its increasing popularity with British motorists. Ford is a close second, while BL cars have a mixed response. The Morris Ital/Marina, Rover, Austin Princess/Ambassador and Mini are awarded "lemons", in contrast to the newer Metro and Maestro models, which are among the best in their classes.

● British owners of BMWs arriving in France are being warned by dockside police to take special precautions against car thieves. Some French hotels and restaurants are also displaying warning notices.

It seems that gangs are stealing BMW cars for shipment to the Middle East, where the Munich car has acquired a special cachet.

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THE FAVOURITE CARS
(fewest regrets, % of owners)

New				Used	
Audi 80	0	Volvo 240	2	Old BMW 5 Series	0
Honda Quintet	0	Datson Bluebird	3	Honda Accord	2
Vaux Astra 1300/1600	0	New Vaux Cavalier	3	Toyota Corolla	2
Toyota Corolla	1	Old Vaux Cavalier	3	Old VW Passat	2
Honda Accord	2	Ford Granada	4	Volvo 240	2
Mazda 323	2	Triumph Acclaim	4	Audi 100	4
Saab 99	2	VW Golf/Jetta	4	Renault 12	4
Old VW Passat	2	Old VW Polo	5	Old Vaux Cavalier	5
New VW Passat	2	Ford Fiesta	6	Ford Fiesta	6

LEAST FAVOURITE CARS

New				Used	
Fiat 131	30	Talbot Avenger	17	Fiat 126	40
Lancia Beta	26	Austin Princess	17	Lancia Beta	37
Morris Ital/Marina	25	Renault 14	17	Peugeot 104	28
New Ford Escort 1.1	23	Talbort Sunbeam	17	Renault 14	26
Rover 3500	23	Alfasud	16	Fiat 131	25
Skoda Estelle	23	Citroën Dyane/CV	16	Morris Ital/Marina	25
Rover 2300/2600	22	Talbot Horizon	16	Austin Princess	21
Fiat 132	21	Renault 20/30	16	Renault 5	19
Austin Ambassador	19			Vauxhall Chevette	18
Austin Alleg 1.5/1.7	18			Mini	18
Fiat Strada	18			Austin Alleg 1.5/1.7	17

Actor sues agents over dearth of TV work

Mr Leslie Phillips, the comedy actor, is suing his former television agents for not finding him work.

He claims he should have received minimum fees of £21,000 for seven television programmes over three years under a 1973 agreement with Stella Richman Productions.

Mr Phillips, aged 60, is alleging breach of contract in the High Court in London.

Denying liability the agents say the actor left the United Kingdom and appeared in a play in Australia without the company's consent.

But Mr Phillips, of Maida Vale, London, told Deputy Judge Sir Douglas Frank, QC, he was convinced he had Stella Richman's full blessing and had discussed the project with Mr David Frost, a direcor of the company, who is expected to be its leading witness.

Appeals refused on McCullough contract killing

Muriel McCullough, a former beauty queen serving a life sentence for murder after putting out an £8,000 "contract" on her husband's life, was refused leave by the Court of Appeal yesterday to appeal against her conviction.

Mrs McCullough, aged 53, was jailed at Birmingham Crown Court on December 17

Mr McCullough, aged 48, an insurance company executive, was shot twice through the head as he slept at their home in Cambridgeshire in November, 1981.

Joseph Scanlon, aged 47, a Liverpool businessman convicted with Mrs McCullough on the conspiracy charge and jailed for two years, was also refused leave to appeal.

Bernard Jones, aged 45, a welding inspector of Toxteth, Liverpool, was refused leave to appeal against his four-year jail sentence for his part in the conspiracy.

Agency to screen news

A televised printed news service for the home and office is to be offered by the Press Association (PA), the national news agency.

With a telephone and a viewing terminal users will be able to dial into *Newsfile*. They will, from January 1, be able to receive reports at the same time that they are being broadcast by teleprinter to newspaper offices and radio and television stations throughout Britain.

It means that for the first time customers outside the media will have access to PA news reports.

The association believes press officers, public relations consultants and foreign journalists will be among users of the service.

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Commons debate on cuts in health service to be Kinnock's first demand

Reports from Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, John Winder, Amanda Haigh and Stephen Goodwin

In announcing that his first demand as the new leader of the Labour Party was for a debate in the Commons on the cuts to the National Health Service, Mr Neil Kinnock told the Labour Party conference at Brighton yesterday that people were not being suffocated by care, as Mrs Margaret Thatcher had described it, but they were being smothered by the neglect and contempt of the present Government.

The task of the Labour Party was to defeat the enemy, the Tories, and amid applause he declared that there must be no activity inside the Labour movement that was superior to that purpose now and for all time in future.

"Such is our business. Let us get to it", he said in conclusion.

Mr Kinnock was given a standing ovation for a speech in which he admitted there was much to do, like winning over a hundred seats to give them a parliamentary majority. But it was also a mistake to overestimate the task.

Mr Kinnock said that he thanked delegates again not just for electing him leader but for giving him such immense support. It offered him a duty and gave him an authority to insist that the single purpose of his leadership would be to advance the cause of Labour and to secure victory for the party.

'We have much to do we have to recruit'

Letters and calls were coming in from all over the country from people saying they were glad and proud to be Labour and thrilled by the conduct and content of the conference this week. They were the people they had to impress and convince and encourage. Labour had begun to do it and would continue to do so.

This week had been one of soaring encouragement both for those at the conference and those in the country who had voted Labour or who wanted to vote Labour and even for some who had never voted Labour before. For them, Labour was the only dependable means of defence against the current Government and the only means of advance to a better civilization.

He continued: "But no one here thinks that it is anything more than a beginning. We have much to do. We have to win elections at every level. We have to recruit. We have to win over a hundred seats just to give us a parliamentary majority. It would be a terrible mistake to underestimate the task but it would also be a terrible mistake to overestimate the task."

They had assets never known to so many other Labour and socialist movements. "In the wake of defeat", he said, "we feel not despondency but determination. We are going to need all of that determination and coherent persistent unity in order to accomplish the task we have to do".

'We need coherent persistent unity'

Britain was ruled by a Government whose rhetoric was resolution and whose reality was industrial ruin, whose rhetoric was efficiency but whose reality was collapse. Its rhetoric was morality but the reality was unemployment which split and scattered families. It was a morality of health cuts which prolonged pain, education cuts which stifled talent, housing cuts which inflicted the misery of crowding and ugliness and homelessness. That was the reality of Toryism.

In Canada, the Prime Minister had said the welfare state might end up not succouring but suffocating. Were Britain's senior citizens being suffocated by a pension from November of £34.05 a week? Were the seven million in poverty being suffocated by their supplementary benefits? Were young people lucky *enough to get a youth training place* being suffocated by the paltry £25 a week?

Were their unemployed contemporaries being suffocated by £15, £16 and £17 a week, soon to be cut by the Government?

"I say these people are not being suffocated by care, they are being smothered by neglect, by the contempt of the present Government."

Churchill gloried in the fact that he had been there at the foundation of the welfare state. Did Mrs Thatcher dare to glory in the fact that she was contriving the termination of the welfare state?

Things would get worse. The Government was fixated with its self-imposed cut of £2.5bn in next year's budget. Yesterday it was reported that Michael Heseltine had protected defence expenditure. That meant that the whole £2.5bn cuts would be taken in unemployment benefits, supplementary benefits, cuts in local government, cuts in education, the social services, urban aid and in health spending.

There would be health cuts by a Government which promised its own conference this time last year that the health service was safe in its hands. Could the unemployed doctors and nurses believe that the health service was safe in Tory hands? Could communities faced with hospital closures believe it?

Could the housewife brought out of anaesthetic because the hospital had run out of operating clothes believe that? Could anyone believe it when all around there was evidence of pain being prolonged and disease untreated because the hopital service which had never been generously funded was now being cut as never before?

That was the only conclusion which could be drawn from the scale and nature of cuts being inflicted on the National Health Service.

"I do not want to bring personalities into this, but that means I can talk about Norman Fowler." In one statement on a Monday he had said that people could not expect the general practitioner service to be expanded simply because there was more demand. So much for demand-supply economics.

In other words, people need not expect treatment just because they were sick.

On Wednesday of the same week, Mr Fowler had published a further circular to health authorities urging them to sell facilities to the private sector.

Those statements summed up the whole attitude to the health service: Cut the service to the patient but increase the profit to the private contractor and if cuts forbade admission to hospital or access becomes dependent on the ability to pay and people could not pay, there was always the good old Victorian values to fall back on.

The sick could stay at home. They could nestle in the compassion and love of relations, not because that was a voluntary obligation accepted by those relations and friends, but because it was enforced domestication, the result of enforced Tory economic policies and health policies.

They knew that the response would be that they could not afford the extra resources needed until the country was more efficient.

But was it efficiency which drove manufacturing investment down by 30 per cent in four years and which allowed £10,000m of desperately needed investment to leave the country in four years? Was it efficiency to contrive for the first time in British history, that this manufacturing, producing and trading nation, was buying more manufactured goods from abroad than it was selling.

That was not efficiency but a sellout of a country by the Government. It was an act of profound economic treachery.

The Conservatives said that they could not spend what the country did not earn, but that was fallacy. If it was true, the capitalist system which lived by borrowing and lending would collapse.

It did not take account of accommodation in a house being used by an aging parent, possibly terminally ill in the front room, or of overcrowding of children.

The effects were on real people but the decisions were largely made by people who did not understand the needs of real people in the community.

While all that was going on, he read in the last two days of a place in Harley Street, a cell revitilization clinic. Doctors, presumably trained to a high level skill at public expense, were injecting monkey cells into the aging rich in order to rejuvenate them.

He had a much simpler way of rejuvenating people, much more satisfactory and simple: by giving them pensions capable of meeting their heating costs; by giving transport at a price they could afford and at a frequency on which they could depend; by giving them a medical service to free them from pain; to give them home helps and housing to release them from the dreadful anxiety from which old people were suffering; by giving them safe streets to walk on.

"That is the rejuvenation we want and it means we have to be unremitting in our defence of the services."

The rejuvenation of local government and public health services was a national duty which did not only apply to the Government.

'Tory reality was unemployment'

"I make the appeal to all the people of this country, that no matter how thet voted on June 9 or how they intend to vote in the next election or whether they intend to vote at all: Join us in defence of the basic fundamental essential health service, without which this country ceases to be civilized." (applause)

He announced that he would begin his leadership of the party by writing a letter to the Prime Minister demanding that in government time, as quickly as possible after Parliament resumed, – which in his book meant hours rather than days – they should have a full-scale debate on health cuts announced during the recess.

That was so that they could use the major weapon of democratic socialism, Parliament, to expose the full extent of the harm done and of the contempt the Government showed to the health service.

People had been complaining about the way in which straw was being burnt. He was glad they were complaining; perhaps it would remind them that was what the Tory Government had been doing to the whole ecomony in recent years. "We have a scorched earth economy in Britain now."

Labour could rescue the economy. Labour was willing to invest, spend, protect and control the outflow of precious capital. They would do it for the advancement of socialism. If anybody was a little timid about that, he commended an old captialist maxim - you have to spend something to make something.

Only Labour could perform the rescue by a combination of expenditure and planning to get the maximum advantage

The Tories would not do it and neither would the Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance. "The LSD alliance, the new political hallucinatory drug alliance". On economic policy, defence and welfare they were not an alternative to Thatcherism, but a replica of it.

Mr Kinnock told delegates they had to be realists. He had had enough of visionaries like Sir Keith Josph and Mrs Thatcher. He had had enough of dreamers. "Our country, our world, cannot afford their mirage that national economic recovery can come from mass bankruptcies, their fantasy that economic prosperity can come about among penury.

"Realism, that is what is needed in this country," Mr Kinnock said. "The realism of democratic socialism. That is the patriotism that I feel in my blood and in my bones.

'We have a scorched earth economy now'

"In my spirit and heart I know that that is the kind of patriotism that people of this country feel . . . the patriotism of peace, care, justice, liberty, confidence and of efficiency.

"That is today's patriotism and this Labour movement is made up of today's people who borrow nothing from nostalgia, whether for the 1950s or 60s or the 1920s or 1820s. Today's policies for today's people."

He wondered that those blimpish patriots like Mrs Thatcher who took millions from the caring services of Britain did not choke on the very word patriotism.

"They are the enemy, they must be defeated and we must defeat them together. That is our purpose. There must be no activity in this Labour movement that is superior to that purpose. Now and for all time that is our business. Let us go to it".



Mr Ian Wilson: Fearing street violence

(Photographs: John Manning).

'Jobs for all' pledge to school-leavers

The Labour Party committed itself to legislation guaranteeing every school-leaver a job at a decent wage.

A composite motion containing this proposition and other commitments such as free travel to and from work for trainees, and £25 a week for all 16 to 17-year-olds who remained at school or college, was carried by delegates at the end of the debate on the Manpower Services Commission Youth Training Scheme, which came in for much heavy criticism.

The national executive of the party had opposed the composite motion setting out 10 commitments that should be included in a new training scheme.

Mr Denis Howell, MP for Birmingham, Small Heath, who this week lost his seat on the executive, said that a legislative promise to a job was something they could not guarantee.

"Young people want us to be honest with them. They have had far too much deception from politicians. We must not promise the youth of this country anything we cannot deliver.

"We will fight for but we cannot guarantee everyone a job and you know in your hearts you cannot and you should not say so."

In spite of that, a host of hands was raised in favour of the motion, which went through to loud applause. It also called for the monitoring of the Youth Training Scheme to ensure that the interests of trainees were safeguarded.

Another motion calling for a refusal to cooperate with the MSC in implementing the scheme was rejected after several speakers said that it would be a disservice to young people.

A long and detailed motion from the Socialist Educational Association was also carried, condemning the Youth Training Scheme and setting out requirements of youth training including resistance to all attempts to return to a tripartite education system.

The universal condemnation of the Youth Training Scheme was led by Mr Bob Wylie, East Kilbride. Moving the composite motion, he said that for legions of young people in Britain Victorian values meant a future without work, the prospect of a lifetime on the dole.

Those lucky enough to get a place under the scheme faced poverty wages, slave conditions and health and safety regulations cast aside.

Mr John Williams, Brighton Pavilion, said that a boycott of the scheme would not stop it from going ahead and trainees would be deserted by those who should be protecting them.

Mr Graham Lane, General Secretary of the Socialist Educational Association, said that the Tories were turning the scheme into a cheap labour scheme as a prelude to conscription.

Mr John Ward, City of Durham, moving the resolution calling for a refusal to cooperate with the MSC in implementing the scheme, said that it was the start of a process to divide wage levels.

Mr John Mann, National Organization of Labour Students, moving the amendment to campaign against rather than boycott the scheme, said that it was no use being ostriches and ignoring what was happening. It was slavery through the back door.

Mr Ian Wilson, Scarborough, said that whichever party won youth won energy, enthusiasm and the future.

"Unless we win them to the Labour movement they will take to the streets. We must win them to parliamentary action, not to street violence. If they resort to violence, they will make Brixton and Toxteth look like a schooyard scrap."

Mr Howell, for the NEC, said that youth unemployment had doubled under the Government from 254,000 in 1979 to 519,000 in August this year. The disaster was accelerating.

He told those who had voted Conservative or Alliance in June that they had responsibility for the situation.

It was no wonder that there were criticisms of the scheme and they identified five main areas: they could so easily give an unscrupulous employer an excuse for job substitution; the £25 allowance was inadequate; there was no job at the end of the schemes for most of those involved; there was no satisfactory guarantee on standards of health and safety in many schemes; and there was no quality guarantee about the educational content.

They could not take the unions out of the 54 MSC boards, they must be there looking after young people's interests.

He described the unemployment of half a million young people as the biggest lockout in Britain's history.

Union law repeal promised

The next Labour Government will repeal the Government's legislation on trade union law at the first opportunity, Mr Eric Varley, Opposition spokesman on employment, said.

Speaking for the national executive committee at the end of a debate on the White Paper, *Democracy in Trade Unions*. He said: "The projected legislation will bring state interference on a massive scale into the internal affairs of every trade union in Britain. If this happens we shall have government regulation that we have not seen since the Osborne judgment of 1910 which declared unlawful all political activity by the trade unions."

The conference carried overwhelmingly a resolution condemning the proposals in the White Paper stating that it was an unwarranted interference in the affairs of unions. The proposals on the political levy, it said, constituted an ominous threat to parliamentary democracy.

Moving it, Mr Frank Davies, Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades, said the legislation was a bare-faced method of reducing the authority of the trade unions in their efforts to assist their members. It was aimed at weakening the financial basis of the Labour Party. It was a threat to democracy. The party was struggling to reduce its overdraft and much of its income came from the unions. Mr Norman Tebbit's paper tiger was right at the heart of Labour's finances.

No efforts seemed to be necessary to democratize companies or to control their financial contributions to the Tory party.

Mr Eddie Haigh, Dyers, Bleachers and Textile Workers, said the present campaign against the party's funds would be laughable if it were not so dangerous. It was done in the name of democracy. It was ironic when one considered that the Tory party would not recognize democracy if it fell over it.

The Tories complained about the way the union executives were elected. At least it was done up front where everyone could see, warts and all. Had anyone heard of the election of the executive committee which ran the Tory Party? The present one, Mr John Selwyn Gummer, was not elected by a show of hands or at a conference or even by Tory MPs. He was chosen by Mrs Margaret Thatcher herself, and that was democracy Tory style. "Maggie picked a poodle", he said.

Mr Malcolm Macmillan, Hertsmere, said that anti-trade union legislation from Prior to Tebbit was aimed at messing up the relationship between the unions and the Labour Party. It was aimed at messing up the long-standing affair between Labour and the trade union movement.

They should send a message to Mr Tebbit and Mr Cecil Parkinson: "Don't moralize to us about our relationship, especially if you have trouble dealing with your own."

Mr Terry Fields, MP for Liverpool, Broadgreen, said that when the Bill came before the Commons, the party should leave a rearguard to fight it and the rest of the MPs should be out on the streets fighting for their class the way Mrs Thatcher was fighting for hers.

Mr Varley said that the attacks on the political levy were blatant vindictiveness and a one-sided attack on the Labour Party. The Government proposed to do nothing at all about the huge donations which companies gave to the Conservative Party, which in the main were made without the knowledge or approval of the shareholders.

Conservative Party philosophy was quite clear. It was that the market worked better with weaker trade unions or ineffective trade unions. The legislation to come before the Commons was the third Bill in five years and ultimately this legislation would damage industrial relations.

The stage had been set for a bitter conflict which would damage the whole nation unless they reasserted the reasons for having modern free trade unionism in a free society.



Mr Eric Varley: "stage set for conflict"



Ms Anne Davis: "Party has failed in its appeal to women".

Women lose rights fight at 'sexist' conference

The conference was accused of being deeply sexist and its chairman, Mr Sam McCluskie, of being patronising to women, and the Labour Party of paying lip service to the women's movement, during a debate on women's organization.

But delegates threw out all three motions calling for more rights for a separate women's conference.

Ms Ann Tobin, Woolwich, moved a resolution that the women's division of the NEC should be elected by the National Conference of Labour Women, which should no longer be an advisory conference. It said that although the party manifesto proclaimed a better deal for women, it did not demonstrate that in its presentation to the electorate and needed to make women more visible and take more account of what they were saying.

She said that more men had voted for Mrs Thatcher at the general election. If Labour had addressed itself more to women, the election result might not have been quite so disastrous.

The image of the party was white and male. There were no black or Asian MPs and that was disgraceful On Monday, when a delegate had asked for more women to be speaking from the floor, another delegate had shouted: "Let's have some women up here."

Ms Mary Ceorghiou, Bristol West, seconding the motion, said that on the doorstep the Labour Party was regarded as white, old and male.

Ms Liz Gallagher, Milton Keynes, moved a resolution calling for a specially convened rules conference to draw up rules for the women's organization as a whole.

Ms Ann Crowder, Nottingham East, moved a resolution calling for more representation of women at every level of the party and for the National Conference of Labour Women to be given the right to select five motions for the annual conference.

She said that she did not think the resolution would be passed because the present NEC was hostile to women's demands for action and the block votes would be used against it because it asked for concrete change. "Many women feel this conference has been deeply sexist and the chair and others have been patronising to women. Women, do not despair, organize", she said.

Mr Tom Farr, Harlow, said that women in the party and trade unions were not looked upon as serious people. It was about time the party took seriously women's role and contribution to the party. For too long lip service had been paid to the women's movement.

Ms Anne Davis, replying for the NEC, said the party had failed in its appeal to women at the election because it was still seen as being mainly interested in men at work. Labour had more women candidates than any other party at the election, but 77 out of 650 was not enough, especially when only 10 were elected and three-quarters of the women candidates were fighting seats never considered winnable.

The NEC agreed on improving women's representation at every level, but recommended rejection of the Woolwich resolution because the whole of the NEC must be elected at this conference (shouts of 'shame'). To elect the women's section at the women's conference would weaken not strengthen women's role at the conference and NEC.

It rejected the Nottingham East motion because five motions were not enough and women's issues should not be separate but mainstream party issues.

It also opposed the Milton Keynes motion. The resolutions would represent a move towards a more separate organization for women that would not benefit women in the party or the party as a whole.

The Woolwich motion was rejected on a show of hands: the Milton Keynes resolution was lost by 3,660,000 votes to 3,134,000: and the Nottingham East motion was lost by 5,418,000 to 1,377,000.

Women in Parliament, back page

Disadvantaged 'should be taken seriously'

A composite motion instructing the NEC to set up a working party to propose ways of involving disadvantaged groups, including women and coloured people, more at all levels of the party, and to consider mandatory inclusion of disadvantaged groups on parliamentary shortlists, was remitted to the NEC.

It was moved by Ms Dareen Neall, Hendon, who said the working party should include people who knew the needs of the disadvantaged.

Ms Monica Johnson, Dulwich, who claimed to be the only black woman delegate to the conference, said the disadvantaged groups should be taken seriously by the party.

Mr Keith Vaz, candidate for Richmond and Barnes at the last election, said they must open the doors of the party and the conference to the black community.

Ms Jo Richardson, MP, for the NEC, accepted that there should be a working party and said it was a disgrace that so few black faces were to be seen at the conference.

She asked for the motion to be remitted so that the working party could consider a wider variety of ideas.

Labour daily newspaper demanded 'without delay'

The conference overturned a recommendation of the national executive committee and voted to set up a daily newspaper without delay. It instructed the NEC to consult with the trade unions, regarded as a primary source of funds for the project, and put complete proposals before the 1984 party conference.

The NEC had wanted the motion remitted for further consideration, particularly of the financial implications.

A second motion, calling for a major reforms of the media, was also carried against the wishes of the NEC. It proposed reform of the press council, management and editorial direction of national daily newspapers to be determined by journalist-printworker cooperatives, establishment of a national media enterprise agency, and reform of the BBC and IBA to make them more publicly accountable.

The same motion also called for an absolute right of reply for political parties during elections and instructed the NEC to take action, including legal proceedings where appropriate, against editors or journalists who indulged in character assassination of any member of the party.

Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, said that he believed the party could get the money to set up a daily newspaper. The report by Lord McCarthy estimated that it would cost £6.7m to launch the paper, Mr Evans recalled.

"There was a realization at the last TUC conference that many trade unions at this time with the substantial decline in membership, could not afford the money.

"But there are still 10 million trade unionists, and how much could the 8.3 million who voted Labour pay in. There is the Coop and Labour clubs in the constituency parties and the trade unionists. If we all muck in together we can get the money."

Mr Evans opposed the NEC recommendation to remit the motion. "We have lost count of the many times that we have heard that we have a rotten press. We have accused journalists, editors and newspaper proprietors that they are biased against the Labour Party. But what are we going to do about it?

"If you come up here and complain from now until Christmas you won't change it. This is why we need a Labour daily newspaper."

Mr John Ingham, Leeds West, moving the newspaper motion, maintained that such a paper, dealing with the problems of ordinary working people, could have a mass circulation.

He said that even during their party conference the "so-called Labour paper the *Daily Mirror*" had the headline "Tory chief's love child".

"It seems some Tories will go to any lengths in order to grab the headlines away from Labour".





Mr Joe Ashton: Aiming at *Sun* readers

Moving the motion on the media, Mr Greg Campbell of Birmingham, Selly Oak, said that the Press Council was a useless and ineffective body. Ninety five per cent of the time it acted as just another voice of the establishment.

Mr Joe Ashton, MP for Bassetlaw, said that the days of going down the street shouting "Maggie, Maggie, Maggie, out, out, out", were finished. They never persuaded anyone to vote for Labour policies but made Labour look like a bunch of hooligans.

There was only so much time available on television and in newspapers for politics. If Labour was going to talk about boring old things like housing, pit closures and that sort of thing at the same time as talking about Princess Diana or the British treating the Irish worse than the Jews were treated, or something daft like that. The latter was what was going to make the headlines.

He hoped that Mr Neil Kinnock would take notice of this. Labour could not win elections just going for *Guardian* readers. There were only about half a million of them *and half* of those voted SDP, (applause) it had to appeal to *News of the World*, and *Sun* readers.

Mr Alan Hadden, GMBATU, for the NEC, said that the NEC asked conference to remit the Leeds West and Selly Oak resolutions. The Leeds West motion sought to commit the party to come back with complete proposals for a new Labour daily newspaper by next year's conference (appleuse).

The NEC welcomed the prospect of Labour's own paper. The Labour and trade union movement desperately needed its own voice to counter the lies and smears and distortions it got in the Tory establishment press. But it needed the most detailed feasibility study.

It was estimated that the cost of setting up such a paper would be £6 or £7m and there would be serious difficulties in getting that money from the only viable source – the trade unions. To talk about getting it in 80p from all those who voted Labour was "pie in the sky".

The widest consultation and most detailed study was needed. And it was wrong to accept a motion which bound the NEC to such a timetable and such an amount of money to find.

To counter the bias that without question existed in the media, the NEC wanted a more balanced, more responsive and more responsible media and to that effect already had a study on the media under way. He asked the conference not to prejudge the work of that study or its findings by committing the party to the very detailed proposals in this motion.

Today's debates

The conference ends today with debates on the parliamentary Labour Party, the police, coal and milk imports.

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What Treasury team told the Cabinet

Public spending bound to grow

Last autumn the Treasury presented the Cabinet with a gloomy paper from officials drawn up earlier inthe year, suggesting that public spending could rise steeply if the economy failed to grow in the year ahead. If the Government wanted to keep public borrowing down that could mean big increases in taxation. Extracts from he confidential document, details of which were disclosed in *The Times* on June 30, 1982, are reprinted below. In his accompanying note to ministers, Sir Geoffrey Howe, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, issued a warning that the Government could not rely on fast growth to "float us over the rock" and urged "radical decisions" on spending reductions in standards elsewhere.

The report considers the way in which the costs of the Government's public expenditure policies could develop over the rest of the decade, against the background of some assumptions about economic developments over this period.

Two economic scenarios

In considering the longer term implications of the Government's public expenditure stance, the report first adopts a set of assumptions about productivity, inflation, growth and unemployment which would represent a substantial and continuing improvement on our recent national economic performance. This is Scenario A.

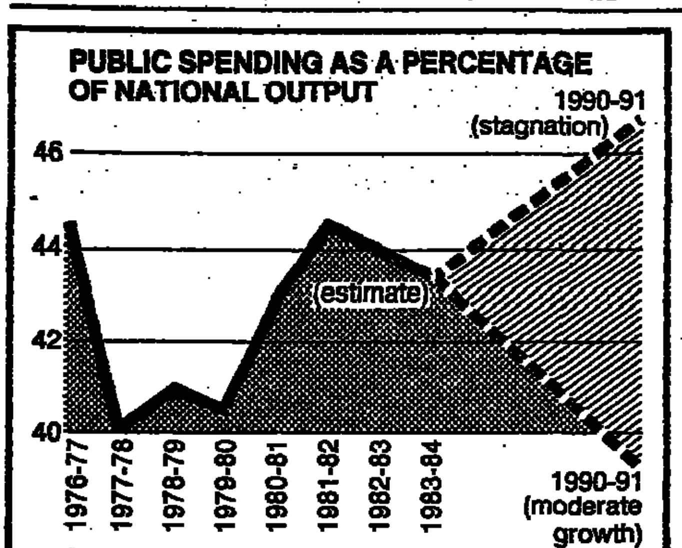
The assumptions are that inflation will fall and remain at a modest level, that wage restraint, combined with lower tax rates and interest rates, produces rapid rebuilding of profit margins, that productivity continues to grow well, and that economic growth will as a result be sustained at a level well above what has recently been achieved. Such a performance implies an all-round improvement in our affairs, and may not be far short of the best we can expect.

But things may not turn out like this. The United Kingdom has long suffered from low efficiency and poor productivity, and there is still much to do to improve the flexibility and performance of the economy. We are highly dependent on what happens in the world economy.

It is accordingly necessary to look at public expenditure against the background of much less favourable economic assumptions than in scenario A. In scenario B, the main differences from scenario A relate to productivity growth (1.5 per cent instead of 3 per cent per year in the decade to 1990). gpd growth (0.75 to 0.5 per cent instead of 2.5 per cent) and unemployment and inflation (which stick around their present levels instead of coming down.

Public expenditure projections

In making the public expenditure projections it has been assumed that the Government will continue to constrain the size of the public sector by privatization and restraint on expenditure. Allowance has been made for changes in expenditure as a result of demographic changes, and, for some economic services such as transport, for the likely growth in national income.



Source: Treasury, including unpublished projections

But only limited allowance has been made for the likely increase, if national income grew as assumed in scenario A, in the public's demand for some of the public services, notably health, education, and environmental services, and for increasing real social security benefits. (Social security benefits, for example, are assumed to increase by less than earnings.)

International evidence suggests that this demand could increase on a significant scale. The Government is not obliged to meet it and may decide to divert it into privately provided services. But the scope for such diversion is limited over this period. And local authority expenditure, although projected to continue its relative decline may continue to be difficult to control.

In cost terms, the 1990-91 programme total in scenario A is 20 per cent higher than it was in 1979-80. In scenario B it is 18 per cent higher. As a percentage of gdp the total in scenario A falls, compared with 1979-80, by a little over one percentage point, taking it back to where it stood in 1971-72. In scenario B it increases by nearly six *percentage points.*

Comparison of 1990-91 with 1982-83 shows the programme total in cost terms at nearly 14 per cent higher in scenario A and 13 per cent higher in scenario B; as a percentage of gdp the totalis nearly four points lower in scenario A and 3 points higher in scenario B. But this is in part because public expenditure in 1982-83 as a percentage of gdp has been increased by economic recession; this has reduced gbp and increased social security expenditure. It may therefore be a less satisfactory basis for comparison.

In both scenarios the share of gdp devoted to defence would be higher in 1990-91 than in 1979-80. Health and social security are shown as a broadly constant proportion in scenario A, and a rising proportion in scenario B.

In cost terms, increases in major programmes from 1979-80 to 1990-91 on the basis of the assumptions in this report would be:

35 to 50 per cent in defence expenditure, depending in part on the assumed non-pay relative price effect;

30 to 35 per cent in the law and order programmes;

25 to 35 per cent in expenditure on health due largely to demographic pressures;

20 to 25 per cent in the social security programme, even though demographic changes are relatively favourable for this programme in the 1980s, compared with the 1970s or the 1990s.

Health and personal social services

Expenditure on the National Health Service and personal social services needed to provide a given standard of service is determined mainly by demographic change (that is, changes in the total size and age structure of the population), by progress in medical science (including the development of new and better surgical procedures, methods of diagnosis and pharmaceutical products), and social trends affecting eg, the number of children in care.

As regards demography, total current expenditure on the hospital and community health services in England would rise by about 0.7 per cent a year during the 1980s, if current provision per head in each ofhe main age groups remained constant. An equivalent figure for expenditure on personal social services is 0.6 per cent in the number of men and women aged 75 and over between 1980 and 1990, compared with 2 per cent for the population as a whole.

As for the cost of medical progress, the Department of Health and Social Security had estimated that an increase in real current expenditure of about half a per cent a year is required as a contribution to the costs of medical advance to finance inescapable innovations without enforcing offsetting reductions in standards elsewhere.

If current policies were broadly maintained, and with no improvements in levels of efficiency, the annual increase in provision necessary at least to meet the pressures exerted by demographic change and medical advances might be of the order of between 1 and 1.5 per cent between 1982-83 and 1990-91.

There are however many areas of health care where there is a pressing need for more resources.

Expenditure would need to rise at between 2 and 3 per cent a year to make significant progress in all these areas. On the other hand the Government is committed to securing progressive increases in NHS efficiency.

The scope for this is subject to review with health authorities. It seems doubtful (though not inconceivable) that a cumulative improvement of 0.5 per cent a year could continue throughout the decade. The growth of the private sector may take a little of the pressure off NHS acute services. There could also be some small increases in income through charges.

For these reasons it is suggested that the minimum net real growth in provision will be 0.5 per cent a year after 1984-85, on scenario B. With a further 0.5 per cent a year efficiency savings, this would barely maintain present standards.

If gdp rises faster there will be strong pressures to use some of the extra wealth to improve standards; health service expenditure normally rises as a percentage of gdp as gdp rises, because wealthier populations chose to spend more on health care, including care for the old and handicapped who depend on state services.

It is therefore suggested that the net real growth in provision might be at least 1.5 per cent a year after 1984-85 in scenario A.

ECONOMIC SCENARIOS – MAIN ASSUMPTIONS

	Scenario A	Scenario B
GDP (average annual growth rate from 1980-81	2.5%	0.75% to 1985-86 then 0.5% to 1990-91
Productivity in the marketed sector (average annual growth rate from 1980-81	3%	1.5%
Unemployment (narrow definition, excluding school leavers)	2 million in 1990-91	3 million in 1990-91
Inflation (gdf deflator)	5% per year in mid and late 1980s	10% per year in mid and late 1980s
Real interest rate	2% in 1990-91	2% in 1990-91
Real trade-weighted exchange rate (1980-81 = 100)	83 in 1990-91	83 in 1990-91
Real marketed sector wages (average annual increase from 1980-81	1.5%	1.5%
Real public service wages (average annual increase from 1980-81)	0.5%	0.25%

Tax cuts vital to bring about necessary economic growth

The longer term public expenditure exercise has projected expenditure to the end of the decade on two illustrative macroeconomic scenarios. This note describes a similar projection of tax revenue on each of the same scenarios, and goes on to look at the balance between revenue and expenditure that is implied.

Assumptions

Like expenditure, taxes have been projected on the basis of unchanged policy. This has been interpreted to mean that income tax thresholds and specific duties are raised in line with prices, that tax rates are unchanged and that existing allowances and reliefs are continued. Local authority rates and National Insurance Contributions are calculated from the projections of local authority expenditure and expenditure from the National Insurance Fund, respectively, on the assumption that an unchanged proportion of such expenditure is met from general taxation. For North Sea taxes the real sterling oil price is assured to rise by about a third between 1980 and 1990 (reflecting both a rise in the dollar price and a fall *in the* exchange rate). Even though some new fields are assumed to come on stream, total production is assumed to be a little below its peak level, which is reached in mid-decade.

The projections

If scenario A were to be fulfilled, the projections suggest that tax receipts would rise by about 20 per cent in real terms. This is a rather smaller increase than that assumed for gross domestic product in this scenario, so. that taxes as a percentage of gdp fall from 39½ per cent to just over 37 per cent.

On scenario B projected tax receipts rise by only 6 per cent in real terms – a good deal les than on scenario A. But gdp also rises more slowly and taxes remain roughly constant as a percentage of gdp at just below 40 per cent.

On scenario A the projected gap between expenditure and revenue narrows to about 2 per cent of gdp by the end of the decade – no smaller as a percentage of gdp than the target figure set for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement in the last year of the Medium Term Financial Strategy. Moreover, the tax projections make no provision for raising income tax thresholds in real terms or for cutting tax rates to help personal incentives, or to ease the disincentive effects of the poverty trap. Nor do they call for any reduction in the rate of *business taxation.*

If the economy develops less favourably as in scenario B the problem of financing public expendiute is likely to be much more severe. The projections show expenditure – which is lower than in scenario A – exceeding revenue by 7 per cent of gdp. If this gap were bridged by borrowing, the implication is a reverse of progress so far made in reducing the PSBR. *Indeed, as a percentage of gdp,* borrowing approaches the levels that precipitated the 1976 crisis. But if borrowing were to be restrained to 2 per cent of gdp without cuts in expediture, taxes would have to be raised by the equivalent of £15,000m at today's prices. The tax burden would rise from 40 to 45 per cent of gdp (having already risen from 35 to 40 per cent since 1978-79).

If the £15,000m came from income tax alone, the yield would have to be raised by about half. If it came from the consumption taxes (VAT and specific duties) their combined yield would similarly have to be increased by half. in crude "ready reckoner" terms what is implied is, at the least:

● raising the basic rate of income tax to about 45p

OR:

● abolishing all allowances other than the single allowance (for example, the married man's *allowance*, mortgage tax relief, relief for pension contributions and life assurance) and raising the basic rate to perhaps 33p.

OR:

● raising VAT to 25 per cent and doubling the real level of all specific duties. OR:

● levying VAT at 25 per cent on goods which now bear the 15 per cent rate and those now zero-rated (food, fuel, ec).

Conclusions

The projections are subject to a wide margin of error. But they demonstrate the difficulty of financing the levels of public expenditure implied by the continuation of current policies. If the economy grows very slowly, as in scenario B, the consequences for taxation and/or borrowing are very serious. The economy would need to grow steadily and strongly, as in scenario A, to permit the sort of expenditure levels envisaged. It is doubtful whether this growth could arise without any further Government action to improve work incentives or to improve businesses' profitability through tax cuts. But if taxes were cut, borrowing could not be restrained to 20 per cent of gdp.

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS
£bn at 1980-81 prices in cost terms
figures in brackets are percentage of national output

	1979-80		1990-91 A steady growth low inflation		1990-91 B slow growth higher inflation	
Defence*	10.88	(4.6)	14.80	(5.0)	14.80	(5.6)
Defence†	10.88	(4.6)	16.40	(5.6)	16.40	(6.7)
Overseas aid and services	2.48	(1.0)	2.52	(0.9)	2.01	(0.8)
Agriculture, fisheries, food, forestry	1.14	(0.5)	1.14	(0.5)	1.38	(0.6)
Industry, energy, trade, employment	3.07	(1.3)	4.41	(1.2)	4.48	(1.6)
Transport	2.70	(1.2)	3.53	(1.2)	2.88	(1.2)
Housing	5.54	(2.3)	3.50	(1.2)	5.50	(2.2)
Other environmental services	3.39	(1.4)	3.00	(1.0)	2.84	(1.2)
Law and order	3.05	(1.3)	4.07	(1.4)	4.00	(1.6)
Education	11.03	(4.6)	10.40	(3.5)	10.20	(4.2)
Health and social services	10.49	(4.4)	14.11	(4.8)	13.33	(5.4)
Social Security	22.88	(9.6)	28.56	(9.7)	27.32	(11.1)
Other including Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland	12.52	(5.3)	13.52	(4.6)	13.25	(5.4)
Nationalized industry external finance	3.08	(1.3)	1.87	(0.6)	1.91	(0.8)
Programme total‡	91.00	(38.2)	109.00	(36.9)	107.50	(43.8)
Public expenditure including debt interest	97.50	(41.0)	116.00	(39.3)	116.00	(46.8)

* Assumes non-pay costs rise no faster than average inflation.
† Assumes non-pay costs rise 2 percentage points a year more than general inflation rate.
‡ After asset sales and including contingency reserve.


Mr McNally: Boat lost sails

Lone sailor abandons Atlantic trip

Tom MacNally, a Cheshire businessman, has given up his attempt to sail the Atlantic in a 6ft 10in yacht (Craig Seton writes). His wife has received a message saying he is safe on board a Russion trawler but that his boat is damaged and without sails.

Mr McNally, aged 40, was picked up by the trawler, Yuri Ysnakov, on Monday about 920 miles west of Land's End.

He said then that he would continue the voyage in his yacht, Big C, attempting to set a record for the smallest boat crossing of the Atlantic.

It is still not known whether Mr McNally remained on the trawler or set off again and was picked up a second time. Mrs Cathy McNally said she had received a message from him saying "Boat damaged, no sails".

Yesterday she sent a message back to him which said: "I am very proud of you. I am behind any decision you make."

Mr McNally left Newfoundland on August 18. He was 45 days into his voyage when he released a distress beacon. He had been plannning the voyage for eight years and had invested £13,000 of his own money.

Proposals to reduce Green Belts defended by builders

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Builders admitted for the first time yesterday that some protected land would be sacrificed if the Government went ahead with its proposed new policy for Green belts. But they complained that the policy would do nothing to curb unjustified enlargement of Green Belts by local authorities.

Mr Roger Humber, director of the Housebuilders' Federation, said: "some Green Belt will go if this circular is implemented". The federation was commenting on one of a series of draft circulars issued by the Department of the Environment.

The circulars are meant to advise local councils and indicate the attitude of ministers when they receive appeals from developers whose planning applications have been rejected by councils. The draft circular of August about Green Belts has been greeted by the conservation lobby as acceptance by ministers of the complaints of builders about land shortages.

The federation said that prices of land for housebuilding were rising fast and had reached a "norm" of £200,000 an acre in the South-east. One of the few sites available in St Albans, with planning permission for 30 homes on just over an acre, had just been sold for £520,000.

Mr Humber said that local authorities were misusing Green Belts as an instrument to try to force development into inner cities, and that ministers were ignoring the misuse of green belt policies by councils. The Green Belt round London now covered four times as much land as the urban area administered by the Greater London Council.

Much of the countryside had official protection which prevented building, and local authority plans allowed for less new housing than was expected to be needed. "Areas of outstanding natural bauty are almost as difficult to build in as Green Belts", Mr Humber said.

But the Royal Institute of British Architects said that instead of relaxing Green Belt policy, the Government should do more to persuade builders to take up disused inner city land.

Obscure legal advice cost firm £90,000

A firm of London solicitors has been ordered to pay £95,000 damages for giving "disastrous" advice to a client.

Mr Justice Jupp awarded the money after being told the error had lost a property company £90,000 rent on offices. The award includes interest.

Socpen Trustees Limited, which holds property for the Social Workers' Pension Fund, was suing Grays Inn solicitors Wood, Nash and Winters at the High Court in London.

The dispute concerned offices in Rathbone Street, west London, leased to a business by Socpen. A "get-out" clause allowed either party to break the agreement after 15 years.

But a badly worded letter from the solicitors had misled Mr Harold Frank, Socpen's secretary, into thinking the lease could not be terminated and that the tenants could stay on at the same rent until 1986.

Part of the letter was phrased in "very obscure" English, the judge said, and it was not surprising that Mr Frank, who was not a lawyer, misundertood it. "The result of that letter from the plaintiff's point of view was disastrous", he said.

Wood, Nash and Winters, who denied negligence, were granted a 28-day stay of execution to consider an appeal.

Syrians 'ready to accept' more aid from Moscow to back stay in Lebanon

From Robert Fisk, Damascus

Regarding the American fleet as a threat to their own security and aware that the Israelis are far better armed than they are themselves, the Syrians are now letting it be known that they are "ready to accept" further military assistance from the Soviet Union.

Earlier this year, the Russians installed long-range Sam5 anti-aircraft missile batteries in Syria but the Syrians are not disclosing what further military help they need and insist that Moscow is placing no political pressure upon Damascus.

Mr Faruk al-Shara, the Syrian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said that Syrian troops would remain in Lebanon as long as Israel "imposes conditions" on the Lebanese Government, including the May 17 accord between the two countries.

He said that Syria wanted the United Nations Army in southern Lebanon to stay in the country but to be stationed on the Lebanese-Israeli international frontier, "not in front or behind the backs of the Israelis to protect them".

Mr Shara, who is one of the principle advisers to Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, rejected President Reagan's contention that the conflict in Lebanon was "Russian sponsored aggression" and condemned the United States for "seeing conflicts all over the world only in terms of East-West relations and of its antagonism to the Soviet Union".

But the multinational force in Beirut, made up of American marines and troops from Britain, France and Italy, should be withdrawn, he said.

"After the involvements of the marines in the fighting in Lebanon, they became a party to the conflict and their departure has become a 'national' demand in the sense that it is not only a Lebanese demand," he said. "I mean, when the Americans bring in the (battleship) New Jersey and say that the range of its guns can reach over 40kms, this is a serious matter that jeopardizes the security of our country as well as Lebanese territories."

When I suggested to Mr Shara that the Soviet Union was able to apply pressure on the Syrian Government now that Sam 5 missiles were positioned in his country with Soviet crews, he replied: "We are ready to accept more military assistance, knowing in advance that this would help us to defend ourselves without having pressure put on us.

"The Russians never try to pressure us for anything. Generally speaking, when they take a political stand on the Arab-Israeli conflict, it is similar to ours." He said that Syria and the Soviet Union shared the same demands for the total withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab territories, for an independent Palestinian state and the application of UN resolutions demanding the withdrawal of the Israelis from Lebanon.

Asked what price Syria would exact for peace in Lebanon, Mr Shara claimed that there was no such price. "The only thing we are asking is that the Israelis and the Americans do not demand anything from Lebanon", he said. "All our efforts are concentrated on stopping the Israelis obtaining any gains, any rewards, from the Lebanese . . . the May 17 agreement is putting conditions on the Lebanese. This we do not accept. The Lebanese Government signed this agreement without authority . . . (President) Gamayel himself said that the Lebanese Government does not control more than 10 or 20 per cent of the country. So how can he sign this agreement on behalf of the Lebanese people?"

He appeared unimpressed by Israel's demands for security guarantees for its northern border. "In the last 12 months, the Israelis have lost more casualties than they had in the previous 10 years from a Palestinian presence in the south of Lebanon," he said. "This talk of security is only a pretext for further expansion . . . . As long as the Israelis are in Lebanon, we are not going to leave Lebanon."

Fire power: A Christian fighter of the Lebanese Forces loading tank shells for a training exercise in the Chouf mountains above Beirut.

Elephant massacre

Poachers turn ivory into new currency

Nairobi (Reuter) – Poachers may have massacred as many as half of Sudan's 135,000 elephants, sometimes with the help of government officials, according to a leading conservationist.

"The introduction of automatic weapons into southern Sudan over the past four years has resulted in a disaster for elephants there which are being wiped out for the benefit of ivory traders", Mr Ian Douglas-Hamilton said.

Ivory has become "the currency of personal monetary advancement" in the area, particularly among the armed forces, the police and high-ranking local officials, he said.

Mr Douglas-Hamilton said Sudan was being focused on because of information received from there, but the situation could be as bad, if not worse, in Zaire, which traditionally has an even higher elephant population than Sudan.

A statement issued earlier this month by Dr David Western, chairman of the African Elephant and Rhinoceros Specialist Group, said ivory imports to Hong Kong and Japan, which account for 80 per cent of the world market, show that Sudan and its neighbours are the main suppliers.

The situation in the region as a whole has been described by Mr Douglas-Hamilton as "one of the greatest mammalian catastrophes of the twentieth century".

Reports indicated that ivory reaching the Far East from Sudan did not come from hunters selecting big male elephants, but all types of elephant in the region were being killed indiscriminately.

Egyptian poll reflects mass apathy

From Robert Holloway
Cairo

Egypt has admitted that barely half of the electorate voted this week to renew a third of the seats in the Shura Council, Parliament's Upper House.

Mr Hassan Abu-Basha, the Interior Minister, said the turnout was particularly low in the politically sophisticated urban centres in Cairo.

Whether the 5.8 million voters, who abstained, were responding to a call from the small opposition parties to boycott the polls, or the foregone conclusion induced general indifference, is difficult to tell.

Although the Shura Council has no real power, the turnout showed a level of apathy and cynicism which augurs ill for the next People's Assembly election.

UK pledges £250m credit to Iraq

By John Lawless and Edward Mortimer

Britain agreed yesterday to lend Iraq £250m to finance non-defence purchases of machinery and equipment, in return for an agreement that £30m owed to British exporters will be paid promptly.

The new line of credit was announced after Mr Taha Yasin Ramadhan, Iraq'a First Deputy Prime Minister, lunched with Mrs Margaret Thatcher in London yesterday.

During the talks with Mr Ramadhan, Mrs Thatcher raised the question of two British businessmen, Mr John Smith and Mr Donald Hagger, currently serving life sentences in Iraq.

Mr Smith, an executive of Hestair Dennis, was arrested in July, 1979, and later convicted, after pleading not guilty of attempting to bribe an Iraqi official. Several Iraquis caught with him were executed. Mr Hagger, a quantity surveyor, was arrested in September 1981 and later convicted of espionage.

A life sentence in Iraq *normally runs for 20 years.* Repeated British appeals for clemency have been met with an unverying Iraqi response: that Britain should release Mr Salim Hassan, an Iraqi who was sentenced to life imprisonment in March, 1979, for the murder of Abderrazak Nayif, a former Iragi Prime Minister.

The British Government is unable to accede to this request, but it appears that Iraq is determined to hold Mr Smith and Mr Hagger until it is granted, and there are reports that they have been subjected to maltreatment. They do receive monthly consular visits.

Mr Ramadhan's visit to London does not appear to have broken the stalemate.

Yesterday's lunch followed a week of talks between teams led by the two countries Trade Ministers, Mr Paul Channon and Mr Hassan Ali.

From being the boom market in the Middle East – with British sales in 1982 rising 40 per cent to reach £875m, and with the Iraqis insisting on making cash payments – the Bagdhad Government has been forced to negotiate a series of *deals during the past few* months to keep its economy going.

US explains arms aim to Russia

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

America yesterday explained to the Russians how its build-down plan for reducing nuclear warheads would operate when the superpowers resumed the strategic arms reduction talks (Start) here.

Before the next session on Tuesday, Moscow's more considered assessment of the proposals – under which a larger number of old warheads would be destroyed for all new ones deployed – is expected. The initial Tass criticism of it as "empty words to disguise American aims of achieving military superiority" is regarded here as a reflex action.

The American concept is that the substitution ratio would vary according to the type weapon involved, the overall purpose being strategic balance.

With major land-based warheads, the ratio is expected to be two-to-one, with land-based mobile missiles, one-to-one, and three-to-two on sub-*marine-based warheads.*

As General Edward Rowny, the US chief delegate, has pointed out, neither side stands to lose by lowering levels of weapons. At a time of serious economic difficuties, the super powers have a joint interest in this – irrespective of what it would do to improve their image in the world.

An American priority is to establish a working group to find a formula to implement build-down. No indication was available after yesterday's meeting on whether the soviet delegation, headed by Mr Viktor Karpov, had responded favourably.

American negotiators drove up to the porch of the Russian diplomatic villa where their conterparts were waiting, lined up to shake hands. The occasion was subdued, smiles perfunctory.

With the INF talks on nuclear medium-range missiles in Europe still in apparent stalemate, the onus for setting a more positive trend is momentarily at least, on the Start negotiators.

Jail terms for Poles demanded

Lausanne (Reuter) – The prosecution demanded up to six years in jail for four Polish gunmen who took hostages in the Polish Embassy in Berne a year ago. The defence argued that they acted out of patriotism.

Mr Markus Peter, the state prosecutor, asked the Swiss federal court's panel of five judges to give the highest sentence to the group's leader, Florian Kruszyk, as an exemplary punishment.

He demanded three years for Krzysztof Wasilewski, aged 33, whom he described as the most dangerous of the group and an anti-communist extremist. For Marek Michalski, aged 21, and Miroslaw Plewinski, aged 23, he requested two and a half years each.

Hindus taken off bus and shot

Delhi (AP) – Armed sikh militants hijacked a bus and raided a train in the violence-ridden northern Indian state of Punjab, killing a total of eight people and injuring five others.

While Muslim, Christian and women passengers were told to stay on the bus, the six Hindu passengers were ordered to line up by the side of the road and shot dead, the United News of India reported.

Fatal defection

Taipei (AP) – A chinese Air Force pilot tried to defect to Taiwan in a MiG 19 in May but was intercepted by Chinese fighters and killed when he crashed into a mountain while attempting to land, Taiwan military officials said yesterday.

Gentle crashers

The Hague (AFP) – A Utrecht insurance company today announced a 20 per cent cut in insurance premiums for women drivers, because they crash their cars less violently than men

Boxer critical

New York (AP) – Isidro "Gino" Perez, the lightweight Puerto Rican boxer knocked out last week, is still in a critical conditon here with a severe brain injury.

17 executed

Tehran (Reuter) – Seventeen people with long criminal records were executed in Tehran for drug offences, Tehran radio said.

Paper deluge hits Foreign Office

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Office which recently advertised five diplomatic "situations vacant" in the national press, is now having to sift through 800 replies from aspiring future ambassadors.

The advertisement which appeared last week in three newspapers including *The Times*, was for men and women aged between 32 and 42 who would enter the diplomatic service at First Secretary level after experience in industry, finance or elsewhere.

Because of manning constraints in the mid-1970s, this is the first time in nearly a decade that the Foreign Office has had to trawl for talent outside its own pool of bright young trainees recruited straight from university or school. Contrary to popular belief, the number of people in the Foreign Office has actually shrunk over the years, by a fifth since 1967 when it absorbed the old *colonial* and consular services, and by a tenth since 1979 when Mrs Thatcher began to bludgeon the Civil Service into submission.

A 10 per cent cut had to be made almost immediately in the manning of the 10 most populous overseas missions including Washington, New York, Paris and Bonn.

The effect has been however to open gaps at the level of First Secretaries – the "workhorses" of the diplomatic service who fill a number of crucial political posts abroad.

After "treading a tightrope" for several years the Foreign Office found itself at the start of this year with 30 vacancies which somehow had to be filled. Most of the gaps have been plugged by promotions from within the service and the five "challenging appointments in international relations" are those that remain.

The service usually recruits about 40 entrants a year, half of them bright young graduates who enter at the high-flying administrative level. The other half come in at the executive level, one rung down, from where promotion may be slower. But most of these are graduates, too, nowadays and transfers from the slow lane to the fast one are commonplace.

The number of applications is high (6,000 this year) but so too are the standards. The Foreign Office cannot guarantee that enough will emerge after three days of written examinations and interviews at the Civil Service Commission headquarters. Last year there was a shortfall.

Nor is the variety of entrants as wide as the Foreign Office would like. This year 59 per cent of the high fliers and 18 per cent of the others still came from Oxford and Cambridge. But recruiting officers are visiting red-brick and plate-glass universities to remind them that the field is open. One successful woman this year applied from the New University of Ulster, after a "trawl" there in 1982.

But the proportion of women is going up. One in every four of those in the fast lane this year – and 70 per cent of the others – are female. There are already several cases of husbands sacrificing mundane jobs in Britain to accompany their diplomatic wives abroad.

The successful five recruited from outside this year can expect to spend their first two or three years in London where the shortage of First Secretaries is most evident. After that there is no reason that they should not eventually become Our Person in Havana – or even Moscow, the Foreign Office says.



Amnesty fails to move Japan over hangings

From Richard Hanson, Tokyo

The Japanese administration is unmoved by Amnesty International's recent criticism of its long-standing methods of carrying out capital punishment. Indeed, judging from recent public opinion polls most Japanese appear satisfied with the system under which about one convicted criminal a year is being quietly executed by hanging.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Amnesty's report, which called for an end to executions in Japan, is the lack of controversy it seems to have inspired. Amnesty volunteers in Tokyo report that since the announcement in London they have had 10 requests for copies of the original report, and otherwise little reaction.

Japanese law in fact has shrouded the use of capital punishment in secrecy since the nineteenth century when the basis for today's practice was set out. There are no public announcements of execution dates, relatives are notified after the fact, and official records are not released.

Amnesty International says that in June, 28 prisoners were awaiting death. Between the end of the war and 1981, one private estimate is that 571 executions have taken place with the number dwindling sharply in recent years as a result of fewer capital crimes and greater reluctance on the part of the courts to pronounce the death sentence.

Under the Penal Code there are 13 types of crimes punishable by death, including murder, rape, treason and bombings which result in death.

There is no sign that Japan will seriously consider abolishing the death penalty. No political party in Japan has made an issue of it. In 1980, an opinion poll showed that only 14.3 per cent of those questioned wanted to keep it, a drop from slightly over 20 per cent five years earlier.

The Amnesty report appears to have accomplished nothing in the way of opening a dialogue between Amnesty and the Japanese Justice Ministry. Exchanges were limited to Japanese explanations of how the system worked. One Justice Ministry spokesman commented that Amnesty's view that executions should be stopped was contrary to Japanese law.

Privately, some officials are reported to argue that the secrecy involved in executions is the best way to avoid causing additional grief to the families.



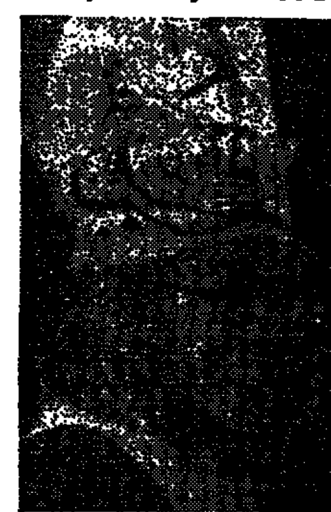
Marcos appeals for unity in lacklustre TV address

From David Watts, Manila

With the prospect of tough economic times ahead, President Fernando Marcos has appealed to Filipinos in a television address to pull together through the impending gloom.

He took the opportunity, too, to warn against profiteering and hoarding of commodities and said everything must be keyed to increasing exports to shore up the economy. But it was a wan performance with nothing of the verve and enthusiasm of the old President Marcos.

For much of the time he appeared to be reading from a tele-prompter, unusual for the President who normally makes all his speeches extempore. He appealed to people to eschew the joys of "Mercedes, sports cars, Betamax' (Sony's video system) and imported television sets", the purchase of which can scarcely have any effect on the Philippines massive financial problems, and "shift to the production of more goods from our factories".



Cardinal Sin: Report of plot to kill him.

Immediate price increases are not expected to result from the devaluation of the peso because the price of petroleum is not expectd to rise before December, but the very prospect of those increases has given ammunition to the opposition which staged another noisy demonstration in the financial district.

Banners calling on President Marcos to resign were paraded down Ayala Avenue and shredded paper cascaded from multistorey office blocks. More demonstrations are promised.

Far more sinister and indicative of the temper of Manila were reports of a plot to kill Cardinal Jaime Sin. The Cardinal is now visiting Rome, much to the relief of his staff who have been concerned for his safety ever since the murder of Benigno Aquino the opposition leader in August.

The Cardinal, who is due back in Manila at the end of this month, is an irreplacable figure in the tense and confused Philippines political scene. He and the President play out a constant political battle, the Cardinal constantly trying to moderate government policies especially on human rights.

Both men appear to relish the contest and the Cardinal is the only civilian figure to whom the President will listen with any measure of respect

There are certainly figures in Manila who would like to eliminate that containment of presidential power but it is unlikely that the Cardinal will be removed voluntarily from so vital a role.

Church vow to block abortion law in Spain

From Jane Monahan Madrid

Spain's Socialist Government's abortion bill, representing its first step towards the acceptance of abortion, was being passed last night. It rules that abortion in certain circumstances is no longer a criminal offence.

The bill, which undertakes to reform Spain's criminal code, sanctions abortion when a mother's life is at risk, when a child may be born deformed and in cases of pregnancy as a result of rape.

The vote, which was being held *in public, follows two* days of impassioned debate during which police clashed with feminist groups in the streets for protesting that the bill did not go far enough.

Meanwhile, the Catholic Church hierachy and opposition politicians are still hoping to block the law's application in the constitution court. They have fought it at every stage of its nine-month passage through Parliament with public marches, demonstrations, letter campaigns and most recently in new editions of the Spanish Catholic catechism for primary schools.

The politicians claim that the law contravenes article 15 of the constitution which states: "Everyone has the right to life". The Catholic Church teaches that this right applies at the time of conception while Spanish officials say it applies only after birth.



Emotive issue: A pro-abortionist is arrested outside Parliament in the final stages of Spain's national debate.

The constitutional court has to decide on the matter in the next three months. Another possible constraint in the application of the law is that Spain's medical association is opposed to doctors performing abortion as part of Spain's free health services.

As a result, feminist organizations are concerned that abortion may continue to be an option that is more available to wealthier Spanish women, who can afford to have their abortions abroad. In contrast women who have abortions out of economic considerations, may be punished with prison sentences of between six months and three years.

Indians try to build anti-Gandhi coalition

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

The process of stitching together an anti-Gandhi coalition has begun: Opposition parties have come to the resort city of Srinigar in Kashmire at the invitation of the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Dr Farooq Abdullah, son of the old Lion of Kashmir, Shaikh Abdullah.

Dr Abdullah's support is vital for any opposition group if they hope to break Congress (I) hold on the Muslim vote.

In order to find as much common ground as possible, the subject of the conclave is "centre-state relations". It is a subject naturally dear to the hearts of all non-congress chief ministers, and a useful cudgel against the government of Mrs Gandhi.

Arriving yesterday were the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Mr Ramakrishna Hegde of the Janata Party and his national president Mr Chandra Shekhar, who are at the centre of the largest coherent fragment of the opposition to come together so far. They have formed the United Front with four other smaller parties.

Mrs Gandhi has been scathing about the gathering. With the survival of the human race at stake, she said it was "astonishing for people to be bickering and making the sort of alliances they are making".

Hongkong wrangle

China chides Luce for secrecy slur

From David Bonavia, Peking

China renewed its attacks yesterday on Mr Richard Luce, the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, for remarks he made recently on Hongkong.

The *People's Daily* chided him for saying China was breaching the confidentiality of the Anglo-Chinese talks on the future of Hongkong which are held here.

"One might ask Mr Luce: 'Do you deny that the erroneous arguments printed in British newpapers represent the rigid stance of the British *Government in the talks?*' "

Mr Luce said in Hongkong that he not wish to conduct "megaphone diplomacy" and criticized the Chinese for publicizing the content of the talks.

Mrs Thatcher insisted last year when she visited China and Hongkong that the talks should be conducted in the utmost secrecy. However, Chinese newspapers here and in Hongkong have frequently discussed both China's negotiating goals and proposals from the British.

Diplomats, including Sir Percy Cradock, the outgoing ambassador to Peking, have been forbidden to comment.

The Party organ went on to criticize Mr Luce for saying China wanted to put a time limit on the talks and that he did not think this was helpful. It is China's view that she alone can speak for the people of Hongkong, 99 per cent of whom are Chinese.

China hoped that the British Government would "take a sincere and cooperative attitude, and, through friendly talks with the Chinese side, completely and quickly settle the Hongkong problem."

● Colony in crisis: Mounting concern in Hongkong over the sliding dollar and loss of business confidence are expected to dominate talks between Mrs Thatcher and Hongkong's "cabinet" in Downing Street today (Henry Stanhope writes).

Sir Percy Cradock, soon to become Mrs Thatcher's special adviser on foreign affairs, accompanied Sir Edward Yonde, the Governor of Hongkong, for a preparatory session yesterday in advance of today's meeting

● PEKING: Senior Chinese and Russian officials yesterday resumed talks on improving their relations after a seven-month break (Reuter reports).

But there were few signs of progress, with the Soviet Union apparently refusing China's demands to eliminate what Peking sees as the three main obstacles to better ties.

These are defined as Moscow's backing for the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea, the Soviet military build-up along its border with China and in Mongolia, and the Kremlin's 1979 intervention in Afghanistan.

EEC butter deal hits housewives

From Our Own Correspondent

Plans to melt the awesome EEC butter mountain – which at 860,000 tonnes is taking on Himalayan proportions – have been completed by the European Commission. They include a reduction of New Zealand imports and an end to the special subsidy, which to the British housewife is worth about 7p on a half lb pack of butter.

The Commission means that these measures should be agreed at the same time as its scheme to cut back milk production with the imposition of 75 per cent levies on surplus production.

All the ideas, for different reasons, are likely to run into serious trouble from member states when they are asked to decide them in the Council of Ministers. But the Commission spokesman gave a warning yesterday that if they were not approved then even more rigourous measures would have to be taken before long.

"Even if they are accepted," he said, "Things will be difficult for several years to come. The butter mountain will continue to have serious repercussions on the budget."

The measures announced yesterday include four which were foreshadowed in July by the Commission's paper on cutting the cost of agriculture.

● The proposals are a "serious and totally unjustified blow to the New Zealand dairy farmers", Mr Jim Graham, chairman of the New Zealand Dairy Board said (Patricia Clough writes).

US bridge team in final

By a Bridge Correspondent Stockholm

The United States first team, Robert Hamman and Robert Wolff, Peter Wechsel and Alan Sontag, Mike Becker and Ron Rubin, won their semi-final match against the United States second team by a predictably large margin of 440-338 in the world bridge championships here.

The semi-final between France and Italy was packed with drama to the end. After 42 deals, France led by 62 points. For the remaining 48 deals the Italian captain relied on his two junior pairs Arturo Franco and Dano De Dalco, Marco Mosca and Lauria Lorenzo who gradually reduced the deficit until the last session of 16 deals began with the differecne only three points in France's favour. On the second board it was discovered that this hand had not been shuffled before the deal (a requirement of the laws) and a joint meeting of the law and appeals committee ordered the board to be redealt. On the redeal, Italy scored 12 points and with one board to play they led by 11 points.

On the final board the French pair had stayed in game on a hand which offered a fair chance for a slam – but a slam would fail. Had Italy bid this slam, France would have won by one point. After long thought the Italians stopped in four hearts and were through to the final 346-335. Mosca is the only Italian for whom this is the first Bermuda Bowl final.

Lomé negotiations hinge on hard cash

From Ian Murray, Luxembourg

There was a very formal start yesterday to what promises to be 10 months of soul-searching negotiation to agree a third Lome Convention. Representatives from the 10 EEC member states and the 63 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (ACP) met in Luxemboury to launch the detailed discussions, which are meant to put a new cooperation agreement between the two blocks into operation by February 1985.

The Lomé Convention is the one recognizable monument to the North-South dialogue, and M Edgar Pisani, The Development Commissioner, made it clear in his opening speech to the meeting that if they failed to reach an agreement they would prove that this kind of cooperation was no more than "a mad dream".

But Lomé has proved a partnership in which both sides need each other so much that there is almost no chance of the negotiations failing. Nor is there much chance of the third convention being very different from its predecessors.

What remains open, however, is just how many strings the EEC will succeed in attaching to the eventual aid package. Because, although M Pisani yesterday spoke about "partnership", about "weaving a positive and privileged relationship" and about Lomé being "more than a convention ... it is an idea, it is a will", the unspoken work behind all the negotiations is "money".

The ACP countries, who between them are estimated to be in debt to the tune of some £35,000m, want to see the EEC prepared to help them by more than the *£3,500m set aside* under the present five-year convention. For its part the EEC Wants to try to ensure that any money it eventually decides to set aside is better used than in the past.

Mr Timothy Raison, the British Minister involved in the negotiations had a more polite way of putting this. According to him "the quality of aid is more important than ever-increasing Quantity". The EEC wants to make sure that its money is spent on the right things and in the right way.

This is to be achieved, Mr Raison hopes, by "The concept of policy dialogue with individual ACP countries". In other words the Lomé governments will be given very strong guidance on what they should spend their development aid money on, and they can expect that the EEC will be looking very carefully at how the money is administered once it is given.

The same is likely to apply to apply to Stabex, the system which was meant to compensate ACP countries for fluctuations in Commodity prices and to be used for improving their production.

Baton charge and tear gas break up Chilean opposition demonstration

Santiago (Reuter) – Police used baton charges, teargas and water cannon to disperse demostrators on Wednesday night after an opposition rally.

Several people were injured, including a woman wounded by shotgun pellets. It was not clear who fired the gun.

The trouble came as the demonstrators headed out of the square beside President Augusto Pinochet's Moneda Palace after the rally, which had been allowed by the authorities.

A crowd of 5,000 had gathered and under banners demanding a return to democracy, students and workers joined hands to sing songs made famous under the elected Marxist Government of the late Salvador Allende overthrown by President Pinochet.

The biggest cheers were reserved for a group of 100 sacked copper workers and their families, who joined the rally after being refused permission to stage a march from the mining city of Rancagua to the capital on Tuesday.

The president of the copper workers' confederation, Señor Rodolfo Seguel, also received an ovation from the crowd. His arrest in June for helping to organize anti-government protests triggered a strike which led to the workers' dismissals.

Union officials said 50 marchers hade been injured when police launched a charge into them on Tuesday night in San Fernando. They had gathered there after being dispersed earlier in the day in Rancagua, 50 miles south of Santiago.

Police said 40 arrests were made because the workers had tried to stage an illegal march there. Santiago's chief administrator later refused to allow them to march to the capital.

● **Dialogue falters:** Talks between the Chilian opposition and the military regime over a return to democracy have broken down, Señor Luis Bossay, a leading Social Democrat and former Chilean Senator, has told *The Times* (Florencia Varas writes).

Señor Bossay, one of five members of the leadership committee of the Democrat Alliance (a loosely-knit political movement of parties from the right – Social Democrats and


President Augusto Pinochet

Christian Democrats – and Socialists) said that the dialogue had been destroyed by recent statements in which President Augusto Pinochet had mocked the process. In the light of this, opposition politicians felt they could "no longer continue cheating the people" by carrying on an empty dialogue.

In public meetings, the President has openly criticized politicians and those who want a return of democracy. Señor Bossay claimed that such acts negate attempts to reach agreement about constitutional changes. Dialogue between the opposition and government, was now out of the question, given that the President remained firm in his decision that the constitution would stay the same, "no matter what it costs".

Such presidential statements, members of the "alliance" said, made a peaceful return to democracy impossible, and pushed the country toward a struggle between extremists from both the right and the left.

"When we started the dialogue with Señor Sergio Onofre Jarpa, the Minister of the Interior, the Government said it would end the state of emergency, which it did. But it replaced it with something worse, which is the state of internal danger", Señor Bossay said.





Law of the gun: A video camera records a Melbourne bank robbery in action. A retired merchant navy skipper, Captain Burnham Dun, aged 79, is seen, above, being punched to the ground after hitting a robber over the head with his walking stick. Below, a doctor who has gone to the aid of the captain falls to the floor when the robber uses his gun as a bludgeon to rain blows on his victim.

Nicaragua conflict

Havana takes new role as mediator

From Marlise Simons (New York Times), Mexico City

Senior Cuban officials have held a series of meetings with an anti-Sandinista rebel group to exchange views and measure the chances of future negotiations between the rebels and Managua, according to diplomats and left-wing sources in Central America.

The meetings with representatives of the dissident Sandinista commander, Señor Eden Pastora Gomez, were said to have taken over the past few months and were initiated by Cuba.

Although the nature of the talks was described by one source as still tentative, they indicated a significant shift in the attitude of Havana and Managua towards Señor Pastora's Democratic Revolutionary Alliance.

In the past, the Nicaraguan Government has rejected repeated requests by Señor Pastora's Costa Rican-based group to negotiate its demand for a less radical and pro-Cuban political attitude in Managua. Señor Pastora said the rejection had forced him to take up arms against his former fellow revolutionaries.

Cuban officials were said to have informed Managua of their talks with rebels, although there had been some indications that the Sandinistas had shwon no enthusiasm for the initative.

The Cuban moves have coincided with an apparently similar change of attitude towards the Pastora group by officials of the Reagan Administration. Until recently, members of the group have complained bitterly that Washington ignored them and that covert US assistance to anti-Sandinista groups was being channelled only to the Honduras-based Nicaraguan Democratic Front.

But for the first time, over the past three months, according to American diplomats and sources in the Pastora group, officials of the US embassy in the Costa Rican capital of San Jose have sought meetings with the anti-Sandinista group, and particularly, with one of its key leaders, Señor Alfonso Robelo Callejas, a former member of the Nicaraguan junta.

It is not clear if the courting of Señor Pastoras group by both Cuba and the United States is related. An American diplomat in the region said, however, that the Reagan Administration was aware of the meetings.

Their first contacts were said to have come unexpectedly in Washington last April and were followed up by a conversation in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas in early July.

The most important meeting took place in mid-July, when Señor Coronel, former Minister of Fishing in the Sandinista Government and the chief political adviser to Señor Pastora, travelled to Havana. There he met several senior Cuban officials, including Señor Manuel Pineiro, chief of the Americas Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Señor Pineiro is regarded as one of the key Cubans responsible for policy and activities in Latin America.

A further meeting between Cuban officials and two aides of Señor Pastora was held in Panama 10 days ago.

While little is known about the substance of the talks, the fact that they are taking place underscores the importance of the continuing Cuban role in regional politics.

● New York: The US expressed concern to El Salvador yesterday about human rights abuses and the reemergence of death squads (Reuter reports).

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State also emphasized to Señor Fidel Chavez Mena, the Salvadorean Foreign Minister, the need for prosecuting the killers of four US churchwomen in 1980 and other Americans since then.

Beans and bullets outwit guerrillas

From Christopher Thomas
Guatemala City

The province of Huehuetenango stretches north to the Mexican border, a lush, rugged terrain that a year ago was in the grip of a huge uniformed army of left-wing guerrillas.

Today, most of the rebels have fled across the border, a scattered rag-tag band reduced to nightly forays.

The Guatemalan army routed them not by force but by psychology. The generals decided that their policy of seek and kill was failing because the brutality and insensitivity of the soldiers was driving the timid Indian peasants into the hands of the rebels.

They therefore instituted a programme called "beans and bullets". First, they started a food programme to coax the Indians, then followed it by the issue of rifles and pistols to help them fend off the subversives.

The Indians responded overwhelmingly in Huehuetenango and elsewhere, and there are now 500,000 civil defence force members nationally – a figure confirmed by diplomats close to the scene.

There are calculated risks for the Army, with thousands of weapons circulating in the countryside, which could fall into guerrilla hands. And arming a somewhat primitive Indian population with high-powered rifles has already led to some brutal settling of scores among them.

General Oscar Mejia Victores, Guatemala's Head of State, is jubilant: "We have reversed the Mao Tse Tung maxim that the masses are to guerrillas what water is to fish. The masses are now with us."

That is an exaggeration, however. The Indians are accepting the Army in its role as the lesser of the evils. Nevertheless, this correspondent witnessed a demonstration by at least 4,000 Indians in the mountains North of Huehuetenango to celebrate the first anniversary of the formation of local civil defence forces.

A thousand men were lined up on horseback, three thousand more on foot, all of them from small communities scattered over a wide area.

Their leaders made anti-guerrilla speeches, and the masses cheered.

Argentine pledge on debts

From Andrew Thompson
Buenos Aires

The Argentine Army high command has issued a statement reaffirming its commitment to holding a general election on October 30 and proclaiming its willingness to honour the country's foreign debt commitments.

The statement, issued late on Wednesday night, came as the worst of the country's political and financial crisis appeared to have passed. Earlier in the day Señor Julio González Del Solar, the central bank president, was released from court custody in the Patagonian town of Rio Gallegos.

An appeals court also ruled in favour of the Government's attempts to unravel the complicated legal situation which has forced a freeze on all renegotiations of the country's foreign debt, estimated at about £27 billion.

Both the freeze and the arrest of the central bank president were ordered by Judge Federico Pinto Kramer in Rio Gallegos.

A lawyer respresenting a group of private citizens has filed a suit against Judge Kramer in the Supreme Court, accusing him of "acting in search of notoriety, misplaced nationalism, or in response to pressures from political sectors."

The army statement said that its commitment to democracy was opposed by "the irresponsible actions of certain sectors and persons".

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Caught in the middle: General Figueiredo

Figueiredo may risk IMF anger

Brasilia (Reuter) – President Jaão Figueiredo yesterday said he would consider changing an unpopular wage law which is seen as a key part of Brazil's debt negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and commercial banks.

General Figueiredo said that limiting pay rises to 80 per cent of the inflation rate was being re-examined.

Ministers and foreign bankers have said its approval, or an equivalent measure, is essential for Brazil to meet IMF targets and receive renewed financing for its estimated £60 billion foreign debt. The IMF and commercial banks suspended lending programmes last May.

The decree, which included restrictions on rent and mortgage rises, was introduced in July to reduce Brazil's inflation rate – running at more than 150 per cent – and public spending. Its announcement was followed by a breakthrough in the negotiations with the IMF.

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Report condemns repression in South African black homeland

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg:

A horrifying picture of violence, repression and torture in Ciskei, one of South Africa's four black homelands, is painted in a report released here this week.

The trouble started last July when residents of Mdantsane, a large black township just inside Ciskei's border and about 10 miles from the white industrial area of East London, began to boycott the homeland's bus service because of high fares.

The report alleges that vigilantes loyal to Chief Lennox Sebe, the President, rome the township, assaulting residents not using buses or suspected of being hostile to the Administration. Mdantsane residents claim that up to 90 people have died at the hands of the Ciskei authorities since the crackdown began.

The report was compiled by Mr Nicholas Haysom, a researcher for the Centre of Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, and was based in part on eyewitness accounts and sworn statements by those claiming to have been the victims of assault.

The report, supported by other sources, says the vigilantes detained scores of residents in a local football stadium where up to 80 people at a time were locked in a small changing-room for several days without toilets, food or water.



Chief Sebe: Tough tactics

It alleged detainees were beaten with *sjamboks* and sometimes assaulted while swinging from a rod suspended between two tables – a technique known as the "boeing" or "helicopter". The South African police have also been accused of using it in the past.

Mdantsane residents travelling by car are said to have been hauled from their vehicles and beaten up, while others assaulted and arrested after failing to produce documents which they were not required to carry, or had never been issued with in the first place.

There are also reported to be frequent police raids on residents' homes. The police are apparently looking for "subversive" literature and any evidence of links with, or sympathy for, the militant South African Allien Workers' Union (SAAWU), which has been banned by the Ciskei authorities. Possession of a SAAWU T-shirt can be grounds for arrest.

It is not clear whether the violence is continuing. Other sources claim it is still going on and that, although the football stadium has been cleared, beatings and torture continue elsewhere.

Mr Haysom argues that Ciskei is being used as a dumping-ground for blacks surplus to the requirements of the white economy.

The situation in Ciskei has been exacerbated by a dynastic feud within the ruling Sebe clan. Three months ago, Lieutenant-General Charles Sebe, a half-brother of the President and former chief of security, was arrested with his son and another family member. They are still in jail. A teenage nephew of the President, Kama Sebe, was also arrested earlier this week.

Bahamans protest over 'drug scandal'

Nassau, (Reuter) – Hundreds of people, including opposition MP's demonstrated outside the Bahaman Parliament yesterday after the Prime Minister, Mr Lyndon Pindling refused to debate allegations of government involvement in illegal drug trafficking.

Four people were arrested in clashes between government supporters and anti-government demonstrators.

At issue was an NBC television report aired early last month alleging that drug smugglers had paid protection money to government officials.

Inside Parliament, Mr Pindling announced the appointment of Edward Willis, a retired assistant commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as the third member of a three-man commission of inquiry into the NBC allegations.

The other commissioners are Sir James Smith, a former Bahaman Chief Justice, and Drexel Gomez, Anglican Bishop of Barbados.

Members of the opposition Free National Movement (FNM) walked out in protest when Mr Pindling refused further debate on the allegations after announcing Mr Willis's appointment.

The FNM Chairman, Cecil Wallis-Whitfield told demonstrators: "There is a perversion which exists from the top of our Government right down to the bottom."



Basque border blast: All that remains of a political passport station in the Spanish town of Irun on the border with France after two bombs exploded yesterday morning.

There were no casualties. Police said they suspected the bombing to be the work of ETA Basque nationalist guerrillas, though the group had not claimed resposibility.

The group did, however claim yesterday that its members had killed a policeman in Bilbao on Tuesday.

General blamed for delay in Peru murder inquiry

Lima (Reuter) – The head of the Peruvian Journalists' Association, Señor Mario Castro Arenas, has accused an army general of thwarting a judicial inquiry aimed at bringing the killers of eight Peruvian re porters to trial.

Señor Castro Arenas said that General Clemente Noel, commander of an anti-guerrilla campaign in south-eastern department of Ayacucho, was ignoring an investigation judge's appeal for cooperation. The eight journalists were killed on January 26 in Auacucho while investigating rumours of alleged human rights abuses by security forces.

General Noel had ignored the judge's request for police to be sent to bring witnesses to a hearing, Señor Castro Arenas said, adding that he had asked the Supreme court last week to move the inquiry

Judge José Maria Galvez Vega, president of the Supreme Court, said yesterday he believed General Noel was "not giving total cooperation"

Expelled Ghanaians return to Nigeria

From Clifford May (New York Times), Lagos

When he graduated from a Presbyterian secondary school in Accra two years ago, Mr Michael Addo, then 24 years old, hoped to go into business. But given the sickly state of the Ghanaian economy, even the best job he was offered would have paid him in a month only enough to buy food for about a week.

So, like many young Ghanaians at that time Mr Addo came to the Nigerian capital. He found work as an apartment house guard, and on his salary he was able to afford food, shelter, new clothes and such small luxuries as a portable radio. There was even a little money left over to send home to his family occasionally.

Then, one morning last January, he switched on his radio and heard that all illegal aliens were to leave the country within two weeks.

"I wasn't angry", recalled Mr Addo. "I was afraid. I was afraid of what the Nigerians might do, that they might beat me or kill me. Nigerians are hard to understand."

Many West Africans say they came to Nigeria illegally only because getting the proper documentation from their own governments was more difficult and took longer than simply bribing an official or two at the border. According to some estimates, as many as 5,000 West Africans continue to cross illegally into Nigeria every month.

Lagos is an unlikely land of opportunity. Much of the city is a sprawling slum, violent crime is rife, and basic municipal services are lacking.

None of that makes much difference to the immigrant workers. "Life is easier in Lagos," said Grace Afful, a 29-year-old Ghanaian. "Life is better. If you get the money, you can buy anything you want. Even if you get the money, (in Ghana), there is nothing in the stores or the markets to buy with it."

The expulsions are a sore subject for the Nigerian Government. Officials say Nigeria was only doing what any sovereign nation has the right to do.

"This country has laws, immigration laws, and if you want to come here you are welcome, but do it according to the laws," said Mr Umaru Dikko, a Government Minister and one of President Shehu Shagari's closest advisers.

Ojukwu fails to win Senate seat

Mr Emeka Ojukwu, the former Biafran leader, has failed in his attempt to win a seat in the Nigerian Senate after Mr Edwin Onwudiwe, his leading opponent, successfully appealed against his victory.

The Federal Appeal Court in Enugu, capital of Mr Ojuku's home state of anambra in the east, reversed a lower court decision to give the seat to mr Ojuku in the August elections saying the trial judge had made errors of law and procedure

Niger army fails in armed coup

Niamey, (AP and AFP) – Mr Mamane Oumarou, the Prime Minister of Niger, in a broadcast to the nation yesterday, announced that an attempt to overthrow the Government by "a group of armed men" had been foiled by the Army and that order had been reestablished.

"Taking advantage of the absence of the chief of state (Colonel Seyni Kountche), a group of armed men thought they could easily take power," he said.

A diplomatic source here said it appeared that the Government had regained control of Niamey after a pre-dawn outbreak of gunfire. "It seems very clear that the legal authorities are very much in control," the source said. Colonel Kountche was flying back to Niamey yesterday from France where he attended the French-African summit meeting in Vittel over the weekend.

In the name of the Supreme Military Council the Prime Minister called on all Niger citizens to be vigilant. He did not give any indication of the identity of the "armed men" who had attempted the coup, nor did he say if they were soldiers or members of other security forces.

Earlier, intense automatic fire was reported from the vicinity of the presidential palace and the headquarters of the armed forces, the presidential guard and the police.

Seven die in French stabbing

Beauvais (AFP) – Six members of the same family were found stabbed to death at a house in the small village of St Martin-le-Noeud in northern France yesterday, one of them a woman aged 20 whose engagement had recently been broken off.

A seventh person, a neighbour who found the bodies, later died of a heart attack.

Police refused to speculate about the motive for the murders which took place at about 2am. An apprentice butcher named as Pascal D., aged 23, said to be the former fiancé of the woman Mlle Caroline Labrousse was later helping police with their inquiries.

Jean-Yves Labrousse, the young woman's brother, aged 16, who was badly injured, was out of danger last night and expected to be a key witness to the carnage.

Police said that Mlle Labrousse was probably stabbed first, then her mother Franciane.

The murderer, police said, then apparently went upstairs and killed Caroline's father, Jean aged 40, and her sister Fabrice aged 11.

The murderer, was believed to have been trying to set the house on fire when he heard the grandparents, M and Mme Georges Becquet, apparently awakened by screams, coming from their own home, police said. Both were fatally stabbed.

Former family fiefdom offered its freedom

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

The 380 inhabitants of the Cocos Islands, one of Australia's last dependecies, have asked Canberra to organize an Act of Self-determination under United Nations' auspices.

The islands, about 2,000 miles west of Darwin in the Indian Ocean, were the property of Mr John Clunies-Ross untill Australia bought them in 1978 for about £3½ million, ending a family reign which started in 1827 when Captain John Clunies-Ross formed a settlement and indentured Malay labourers for his coconut plantation.

The Cocos-Malay Council, which represents the population, has also told Canberra that it supports moves to aquire the remaining property of Mr Clunies-Ross, about 12 acres, which he was allowed to keep in 1978, and from where he runs about nine companies. The islands are a tax haven, a status they may lose in 1985.

Australia will present three options to the Cocos com munity: integration with Australia, free association, or independence.

Canberra had thought the island population would await outcome of an Australian High Court action by Mr Clunies-Ross against the Government over its plans to take over his property on the island, before requesting an Act of Self-determination.

Australia will approach the UN soon to resolve how the islanders will decide their future. One option is a referendum. However, it is understood that Canberra has been told to go ahead

The department of Administrative Services will value Mr Clunies-Ross's property before making an offer. Should he refuse to negotiate, Canberra will consider compulsory purchase.

Under the administration of the Clunies-Ross family, the Cocos Islands had no official currency. Malay workers were paid in plastic tokens which they could spend only in the family store. They were not allowed to return to the islands if they left to live elsewhere.

The family provided housing, medical needs and some education. Since the Australian takeover in 1978, the islanders have been paid in Australian currency. They started a cooperative and elected a council, pooled their earnings and received an annual dividend.

A year ago, Mr Clunies-Ross said he wanted to remain, regardless of the final decision of the islanders.

SPECTRUM



Street-smart plainness or curvaceous neo-classicism? **Suzy Menkes** reports from this week's Milan collections on conflicting themes proposed by the two biggest names of the Italian fashion industry

Stepping into the gender trap

The voluptous image of Italian fashion has been smashed underfoot. On Wednesday evening, Giorgio Armani's deliberately plain models, dressed in mannish jackets of brutal grey, strode out on the runway and stole the fashion show week.

The tender trap of seductive colour and gentle curves that used to be the style of Milan fashion has now become the gender trap. Armani's women are ensnared in collarless jackets, worn with wide straight pants, button-down shirts and even schoolboy ties. Shoes are flat. The rare skirts are long and plain, the make up minimal, and the effect so sexually uncertain that when a curve of the body showed through a fine linen shirt it came as a sudden shock.

The overall image was witty, modern and absolutely in tune with street style. Armani was showing for the first time for two years and he received an ovation in the high tech theatre he has built in the bowels of his newly-acquired palazzo.

The collection is a challenge to Milan's other fashion colossus, Gianni Versace, who showed the same day a radically different style.

Armani had the man's jacket, cut long and fitted or wrapped like a cardigan with one lapel nonchalantly flopping.

Versace made the draped dress, curvaceous, feminine, inspired by the Greek and Roman classics. Versace had colour: deep navy and sea green, purple and red with bursts of sunshine yellow and not one single garment in grey.

Armani, in his own collection and in his line for Erreuno, used with brilliant effect the Japanese textures: graph-check prints, a few stylized flowers and rough weaves of linen and jute.

Both depend on the Italian fabric industry which promotes the designer names and makes possible the lavish parties and luxury surroundings of the fashion industry.

In this city of contrasts that puts high tech seating into high Renaissance buildings, there is room for different designer styles. But it would be too easy to describe the fashion clash in Milan, played out to a lesser extent by other designers, as a battle between old and new. Armani's genius is the old fashioned art of tailoring.

The genius of Gianni Versace is to marry glamour and technology. His draped dresses, tucked and pleated suedes and slithers of striped silk wrapped across the back, were marvels of cutting. He then produced the same tricks in the aluminium mesh he has developed as the Eighties' answer to the sequin. The glittering, airy fabrics, now printed with flowers or studded with rhinestones, make his look the sexiest in Milan – a feminine and quintessentially Italian contrast to the Japanese styles.

Versace – like the rest of Milan – shows a lot of trousers, but they are curved at the hips and narrow at the ankle, shown under slim three-quarter tunics or loosely constructed tops. These are often cut asymmetrically to give just a hint of the oriental influence. At a Milan in which Japanese grey threw a cloud over everything but the blue sky, Versace's colours were a welcome relief.





Above: the aggressive androgyny of Giorgio Armani's trouser suit in a graphic check presents a provocative contrast to the slinky flow of Gianni Versace's draped dress

Gianfranco Ferre: hot colours, minimal shapes and a double shirt

Armani again: a school tie with a mannish suit for Erreuno



Krizia: a vest revealed beneath a linen trouser suit

Missoni: graph-paper knit for a jacket and a sweater dress

Gianfranco Ferre also played effectively with colour, and with minimal shapes too. Hot pink, orange and red added splashes of colour to his clean, clear collection.

Ferre's theme was the double shirt, one worn as an unconstructed jacket, the other as a mirror-image shirt. The same chemise worked well as a dress, caught in at the back with a gentle belt. Ferre showed me on graph paper how he cut his apparently simple kimono shape to get controlled fullness.

Other fresh ideas from Ferre were the vest – another favourite Milan theme. There were singlets worn with a slim skirt or pants, always belted at the hips and in every possible fabric, including sequin studs at night.

Pointilliste prints, fragmented molecular markings and bold graphic squares were a new departure for the Missonis.

They used four dozen television screens to project a backdrop for their unrivalled knitted fabrics, made this season in easy shapes like T-shirt tops and sweater dresses. Tai Missoni told me at the private view they gave of a small Francis Bacon exhibition that his new prints were influenced both by Impressionist art and by nature, enlarging under a microscope butterfly markings.

The spotted coat of a dalmatian was the inspiration for the latest line of intarsia knits from Krizia's Mariuccia Mandelli. Wit and whimsy are the hallmarks of her designs, rearing up as the head of a sequined serpent coiled suggestively around the body of a jungle-patterned lamé dress.

Krizia's technical mastery of knitting overwhelms the opposition. But Laura Biagiotti did pretty things with cashmere – including sweater dresses with ribbed accessories that were best in Milan's only hot colour story: coral.

Graph-paper prints, big unconstructed shapes and a new boxy jacket showed Claude Montana at Complice under the Japanese influence. But this Paris-based designer completed a journey round the globe with some sharp navy tailoring that brought us back to a European base. Luciano Soprani kept us firmly in Milan, where his easy, studied casual clothes are what most Italian women want to wear.

A competition to design new uniforms for the policewomen of Rome inspired Karl Lagerfeld at Fendi to some of his finest tailoring. A pair of white feather wings for the "guardian angel of your personal security" showed his designs to be tongue in chic.

The apron was Fendi's other piece of wit. It came up instead of a shirt top, in every kind of fabric from linen to jute to plastic to suede. It was most stunning as a navy and white striped butcher's apron over a suede fishtail skirt. The bow – particularly strong on silky black swimsuits – was another Lagerfeld theme in a collection that was alive with ideas, including the use of school-tie striped fabrics that gave another dimension to the idea of a uniform.

After starting out with a street party under a snow-white canopy for 2,000 people, the fashion week finishes tonight with an exhibition of portraits of leading fashion designers, including Armani, Versace and Krizia. This being Milan, the painter is the pop-artist Andy Warhol and they are making it into an art-happening, a fashion event – and a party.

Photographs: Harry Kerr

Bows and bondage on the beach







Three views of the one-piece. From left: Luciano Soprani's belted vest, Krizia's big cat and Versace's ruched stripes

Swimsuits ruched and bow-trimmed, star-studded and bondage-strapped made waves in Milan this week.

The shape of the season is the vest, a simple line in silky stretch fabrics, often with one shoulder piece or crossed straps at the back.

Asymmetry is the game designers play with the basic line. The normal female curves are flattened at one side by a ruched breastplate, bisected at an angle or divided up by blocks of colour. The result is a new kind of geometry that is drawn with the set square as well as the compass.

Missoni had the shapeliest of swimsuits – scooped low at the neck and sliced high at the thighs. But curves were broken up by patterns of graphic squares.

Soprani had quiet shades of blue and brown, grey with violet, and made asymmetric statements with both cut and colour.

Laura Biagiotti let the body peep through key-hole cut-outs. Fendi's swimsuits winked at the world with glittering stars studding the simple shapes. Krizia's panther – eyes at the breasts and whiskers round the tummy – gave plain swimsuits a feline feeling.

Ferre's pearl grey or black and white vests were interesting constructions, with straps carving up the body line.

Gianni Versace squared the circle by using stark stripes and sharp angles – and then ruching the fabric across one breast or the hip to make straight lines into waves.

Milan's hip-line belt appeared on swimsuits, sashing the body asymmetrically, or caressing the derrière. Underneath this wide swathe of fabric peeped a tiny triangle that looked like fashion's female challenge to the codpiece.

moreover... Miles Kington

Blanket coverage for Lech

Next week is Lech Walesa Week!

Yes, Moreover salutes Lech Walesa, the darling of Stockholm, the man they call the Arthur Scargill of Poland, with a week-long festival of features dedicated to this brave man who has fought all his life for better conditions for shipyard workers. There being no Nobel Prize for Shipyard Struggles, the Nobel people have wisely decided to give him the Peace Prize instead. We applaud that decision!

Accordingly, we have commissioned articles from the greatest journalists of our time, sent out the finest photographers and lined up the prettiest girls, in the best traditions of British newspapers, for an action-packed, get-up-and-go week of Polish pride.

On Day One, there will be an in-depth interview with the man himself, in which he will tell readers how he would have managed the Boycott Affair, what changes he would bring to *The Sunday Times*, and why Solidarity is called Solidarnosc in Poland, which, of course, is really called Polzka or something similar. He looks ahead, too, with frank thoughts on his chances of getting into the Labour Shadow Cabinet or of even one day becoming Pope.

On Day Two, we print an exclusive interview with Pat Phoenix, in which she talks frankly about "Lech and Me", and we go behind the scenes of Coronation Street to see some of the stresses and strains that have led to her giving it all up. Will she go to Poland to join Lech? Will she go to Oslo to receive his Prize if he cannot leave Poland? All will be revealed. Also, "Why Poles Make Great Lovers", by our team of psychologists.

Day Three is Gdansk Day, when we take an intimate look at this ancient shipbuilding port and come across some surprising nooks and crannies that make this such a wonderfully unspoiled holiday place. Cafés, discos, bars, butcher's shops with meat in, secret supplies of petrol – we tell you everything you need to know for your Gday-out in Gdansk! Also, a brand-new competition in which you can win an ocean-going tanker made in Gdansk by members of Solidarity.

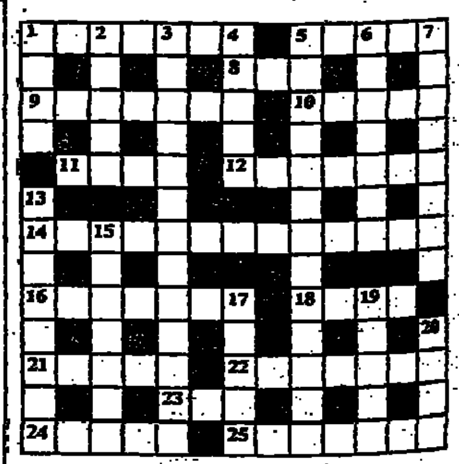
A lighter note on Day Four, when we take a look at the Wonderful Wacky World of Walesa's Wit and Wisdom. How did this cheeky little chappie with the mournful moustache and rebellious twinkle come to be as much Poland's performer as Billy Connolly is for Glasgow or Alexei Sayle for somewhere in North London? What did he say to make the Pope laugh? What goes on at those Gdansk smoking concerts? And did you hear the one about General Jaruzelski and the French can-can dancer? All this, and more, in Thursday's tribute to Poland's own Harry Lauder.

Finally, on Day Five, we finish an unforgettable week with a look behind the scenes at Lech Walesa, the home-lover, the little-known Lech who loves horses, adores children and keeps a pack of savage fighting Polish mushrooms in his back garden. We look at the books in his library, we picture the curtains in his sitting room, we tramp all over his garden trying to take pictures and we drive his neighbours frantic trying to get some juicy quotes out of them. This will be British journalism at its best.

By Day Six, of course, we will all be bored stiff with the subject and be wondering how on earth they can give a prize to someone called Wales with an "a" on the end, and what chance a man called Lech Scotlanda would have. By Day Six, we'll have dropped Lech Walesa like a cold potato. But that's what British journalism is all about. So don't forget that, first, there'll be five glorious days of *Walesa Week! Only in Moreover! Order* your copies now, or just go and hide your head under a blanket.

(Also on Monday: the Special Moreover Blanket offer.)

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FRIDAY PAGE

Plain Jane in a back-pack

Deborah Moggach meets Geraldine McEwan, optimist and portable actress

You can tell how long Geraldine McEwan has been at the National Theatre by a look at her dressing room. She has transformed this particular concrete cubicle into a second home. The walls are pinned with cards and posters, the table full of pot plants. One of these plants looks entirely dead but, as she says, you can always hope.

She is indeed an optimist, and with good reason. Fate has been kind to her, for at 16, when she was an unknown schoolgirl on her local Windsor stage, her acting talent was recognized. By the time she was 18 she was starring in her first West End success and being hailed as a "pixie-faced comedienne".

Now, at 51, she can look back on a stage and TV career which spans the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, and commercial theatre and work with the best directors around. The only thing she's not done is to break through into films and become a big movie star. But then who wants to wear dark glasses whenever they go shopping?

She's happy where she is. At the moment it's the National Theatre, where she is currently playing in *The Rivals* and *You Can't Take It With You*. And soon, touring the country, she's staging her own one-woman show, *Two Inches of Ivory*, based on the novels of Jane Austen.

Stepping out alone

After decades of working in the closed, hectic world of the theatre where, as she says "you're totally dependent on each other, and where so much is out of your control", there is a certain pleasure in stepping out alone into the fresh air, a theatrical rucksack on one's back.

With her one-woman show, she says, "I'm portable. I can take my Jane Austen show. My needs are simple – all I want is a stage." Most other artists, by neccessity, have to work alone – writing a book or painting a picture can be all too solitary an effort. Actors, however, are only alone when they're out of work. Unless they take the initiative, and go back-packing.

The show's somewhat obsure title is based on a letter Jane Austen wrote to her nephew, describing "the little bit of ivory on which I work with so fine a brush". Austen's defined world suits itself particularly to the intimacy of a one-person show.

"No thunderstorms", says Miss McEwan. "No battles. Just those marvellous words. I've always loved Jane Austen. There's something so personal about her. Have you noticed how people mention her as if she's their secret friend? That's her special quality. Lord David Cecil, her biographer, talks about her as if she's his close relative and he just left her house this morning. Like all charming people, she seems to be talking to you and you alone."

She worked out the evening's format with her director, Richard Digby Day. Deciding that Austen didn't need tricksiness, they simply planned key extracts from each of the books. "One might not realize it, but Jane Austen is highly dramatic", says Miss McEwan. "Her irony is contained within the dialogue, and dialogue makes up most of the books. This makes them wonderful to speak aloud. One must also remember that she wrote her books to be heard – in those days, people read to each other in the evenings. Her words are written for the voice.

"Her novels are full of life and suppressed strength. People don't always realize that. None of the television adaptations I've seen have captured this. They've simply taken the stories at face value and treated them as domestic comedies of middle-class manners – precious, precise and niminy-piminy. They always look artificial."

Another pleasure is that her portable show has taken her out of the theatrical world she knows so well – unplugged her, so to speak, from the mains – and sent her into the world outside. She has been touring the show for the past 18 months, mounting it in provincial churches, schools and village halls. For the first time in her life she has been meeting ordinary people who never go to plays or who, if they do, have simply been seen as a blurred mass of faces beyond the footlights.

After all, she has worked in the theatre, non-stop, for 35 years. She is married within the profession – her husband is Hugh Cruttwell, head of RADA. Her friends are in the profession. And she lives in Barnes, a leafy, media ghetto a-murmur with voices learning their lines. "It's called London's Beverly Hills" she laughs. Outside interests? "None. Oh dear, if only I were Michael Hordern I could talk about my fishing."

She has never had any other job. From the tender age of 10, when she played the most untender Lady Macbeth in a school production, she has never wanted to do anything else. "My family weren't theatrical, but they had no choice. I'm very stubborn. I didn't even have time to go to drama school. When I got to the West End I thought I ought to do something about my squeaky voice – I felt I was playing big parts with no equipment – so I had some lessons, but that was all."



Nobby Clark

Geraldine McEwan: the marvellous words of Jane Austen

She has huge eyes and a pointed face of great charm. Nobody could call her a conventional beauty, however, which is a blessing for an actress because it gives one greater

A longer working life

scope and a longer working life. There was some danger for her in the early years, of being typecast as a drawing-room comedienne, and later on, following a successful TV series, as Miss Brodie, but in each instance the danger was averted by a spell in the subsidized theatre. In the 1950s it was Stratford, and the celebrated production of *Twelfth Night*, directed by the young Peter Hall. Dorothy Tutin played Viola, and she played Olivia. "It was a completely new interpretation. Olivia was usually played as stately, serious and rather wet. I played her as impulsive, very young and dictatorial." Six years at the Old Vic followed. It was the golden era of Laurence Olivier, and he gave her a challenging selection of roles from Feydeau farces to Strindberg.

The birth of her two children barely interrupted this succession of work. "Looking back, I don't know how I weathered it or how they did. Of course, there's conflict between children and one's career. Many actresses have to give up, or compromise, but I couldn't. I remember that terrible moment, about four in the afternoon, when I'd be going off to the theatre. Already I was absenting myself, and becoming cut off from the children. They sensed that; children always do. My daughter laughs about it now. She remembers talking to me, and seeing that distant look in my eyes. She called it my 'nickety-pickety face'."

The children are now grown-up, and her son has become an actor. "What if I had stopped? Now, if I weren't acting, what on earth would I be doing?"

People think that actors are worldly and experienced. The hard-working ones are not. "You know nothing but your trade", she says. "You go into the theatre in the afternoon, and come out at night. Or you're filming all day, shut into an artificial set. It's a closed world. That's why it's so refreshing to get out of it for a while with Jane Austen."

She pauses, and looks at her display of congratulation cards in this home-from-home dressing-room "Darling, you were marvellous in *'The Rivals'*". She smiles. "And, of course, that's what makes it so welcoming to come back."

State of the heart

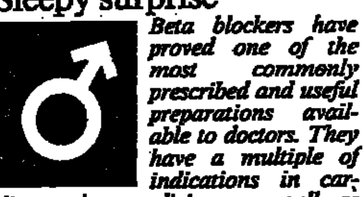
MEDICAL BRIEFING

An article by Dr Wainwright Evans of Cambridge in The Journal of the Royal College of Physicians heralds the return of the battle of bed-rest against early mobilization for patients who have a coronary thrombosis.

In the 1950s, patients who had endured a heart attack were given a six-week sentence of a regime known as strict bed-rest. They were not allowed up, even to wash; indeed, they had to lie as flat as their heart condition would allow, initially feeding by taking fluids through a straw. The 1960s winds of change blew this doctrine away and patients were advised to walk early and to return to full activity without undue delay.

Dr Wainwright Evans is suggesting that the statistics on which the 1960s advice was based would not stand up to modern analysis, and that heart function and structure could not at that time be as thoroughly investigated as is necessary and is possible today. He suggests that until the results of more carefully monitored trials are available, it would be wise to recommend that patients should be in hospital for 21 days, with the first 14 days either in bed or sitting in a chair. A walk around the ward on the twelfth day would be allowed, but no strenuous activity for two or three months, by which time the scar in the heart muscle will be firmly contracted.

Sleepy surprise



Beta blockers have proved one of the most commonly prescribed and useful preparations available to doctors. They have a multiple of indications in cardiovascular medicine, as well as being occasionally used as mild tranquillizers. Patients are warned about their numerous side-effects when they start treatment.

Even so, last week news that Propranolol (Inderal ICI) could act as a contraceptive by making sperms too sleepy to swim to the ovum, came as a surprise to doctors, and a worry to those male patients who still had hopes of fatherhood. Unfortunately, the original reports did not make it clear that Inderal has a contraceptive action when used intra-vaginally; when taken by mouth in normal doses it has no contraceptive action as the seminal levels are raised only by the usual therapeutic doses to a thousandth of the level needed to inhibit sperm mobility.

Work done on this project in the country has been confined to laboratory research, but in Chile there have been experiments on women patients. Details of the British research at Bart's conducted by Professor Turner are expected to be published soon in the British Medical Journal. *ICI is not at present interested in pursuing this lead, but is developing other contraceptives which it considers more promising.*

Wafer worry

Archbishop Warlock's problems when he takes communion wafers *(The Times Sept 24)* drew attention to coeliac disease almost at the same time as Sir Wilfred Sheldon, the world's great expert on the disease, died. His research work has enabled hundreds of thousands of children to mature normally, grow to their normal height and live with zest and vigour.

Only within the past 40 years has it been realized that the inability of patients to absorb fats and hence fat – soluble vitamins and calcium, was not because of a primary fat intolerance, but was secondary to changes in the lining of the small intestine induced by sensitivity to gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye, barley and oats. Removal of all gluten from the diet restores the structure of the intestine and produces a remission of the symptoms of fatty diarrhoea, abdominal pain and swelling.

Children, their balanced diet restored, start to thrive again, adults are spared the languor induced by being chronically anaemic, short of vitamins and undernourished. Rice and maize flour can be substituted in the diet for that made from gluten-containing cereals.

The Vatican rule that a wafer without wheat gluten is not bread and therefore disallowed carries obvious problems for a priest.

The disease in a much milder form has been shown to be more common than had been thought and must now be considered as a possible diagnosis in all cases of recurrent intestinal upsets and mild anaemia. A report from Edinburgh *(British Medical Journal,* Jan 8) suggests that the increase in the numbers suffering from this disease is in fact apparent rather than real and due to improved methods of diagnosis coupled with a greater awareness of the condition.

Just a drop



When asked about alcohol consumption there is a group of patients who smile smugly, deny taking alcohol in excess but then add a rider that on special occasions, such as weddings, christenings, regimental dinners and office parties, they may have a drop more than is good for them. If these worthy people want to preserve their peace of mind they had better not read The Lancet.

An article on September 17 reveiews the evidence linking so-called binge drinking with a stroke during the following 24 hours.

The Finns, experts on binge drinking, have studied the admission rate to Helsinki hospitals, which has shown an association between heavy drinking sessions and a clot or haemorrhage in the brain. The admission rate increases at week-ends. Early reports from the United States, where a more searching investigation is being held, suggests that the Finnish results will be confirmed.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford
Medical Correspondent

TALKBACK

From Joanna Goyder, Manor House, Capel St Mary, Ipswich.
Jacki Davis says that new women undergraduates joining Corpus Christi, Oxford, may be in for a "rude awakening". Though I accept that experiences differ even within a particular college, I would suggest that freshwomen arriving at Jesus, Cambridge, may be pleasantly surprised.

Academically, a girl certainly has to be as good as her male counterpart if she is to win equal respect for her work – but she does not actually have to be better. No man has ever offered to let me read his essay, but I was once asked to lend mine to a fellow student. I am certain that he did not regard my work, the product of a female mind, as any more unreliable than that of any of his friends, male or female.

However, this is not to say that opportunities to be "submissive" and "sock-washing" do not abound, if you wish to take advantage of them. In my first week I received a request from a contemporary to do his washing. I agreed at once – the only condition being that he did mine the following week! I did his washing, to the undisguised amusement of our friends, who thought it unlikely in the extreme that his side of the bargain would be kept. The next week, however, I left my dirty clothes with him and my trust proved well-founded, though even I was surprised by his offer to iron my shirts before returning them!

This cooperative arrangement continued happily throughout the year – and I should perhaps add that there was no ulterior motive present: this was a relationship of convenience between neighbours.

Prejudice is very often as much the responsibility of the women concerned as of the men, and an outrageous request like this is better met with an equally outrageous suggestion rather than with a raising of feminist hackles.

Only a SECOND-CLASS mind thinks women are inferior

From Margaret Evans, Seven Kings High School, Ilford, Essex
I read with interest Jacki Davis's article on "Equality", in which she wrote about attitudes to women in mixed colleges at Oxford.

I am sorry that she was irritated by the young man whom she regarded as patronising when he invited a first year woman to read his essay "because it might be helpful". In such a hostile world, I hope that the woman did not spur his bouquet of intellectual flowers. May I suggest to women students in such situations that they could offer their own essays in return. They should have similar confidence that their work is worth reading. They might even assist a man in gaining a virile first class degree.

THE ARTS

Cinema

Comedy pure, perfect and beautiful

Zelig (PG)
Screen on the Green; Gate Bloomsbury; Warner West End 4

Betrayal (15)
Curzon

Starewicz season
National Film Theatre

Zelig definitively places Woody Allen among the great creators of screen comedy. The character of Leonard Zelig which he embodies in his film is a logical extension of his roles in earlier films like *Play it again, Sam* and *Annie Hall*. Characteristically the older clowns – Linder and Chaplin, Keaton and Lloyd – were struggling, albeit mostly in vain, to live up to the economic and social expectations of respectable society, to win friends, fortune, love and respect. The typical Allen hero aspires to intellectual rather than economic status. A reader of magazines and advertisements, he strives to know the right books, see the right films, consult the right analysis, date the brightest girls and command the modish vocabulary and small talk for every occasion.

Leonard Zelig, who is supposed to have had his years of fame somewhere between the manic Twenties and the depressed Thirties, is the ultimate conformist. In the beginning he merely pretended to have read *Moby Dick* so that he would not be an outsider. Now though the urge to fit in and be liked has developed beyond psychosis. He has become the perfect human chameleon. With doctors or psychiatrists he becomes a doctor or a psychiatrist; put among fat men or Negroes or rabbis he turns obese or black or bearded before your very eyes.

Having established this simple, outrageous comic premise, Allen (like Chaplin or Buñuel or any of the great inventors of comedy) relentlessly follows through its logical developments. Leonard's disorder provokes a conflict in the people around him between those who want to exploit and those who want to cure what is, after all, only an extreme manifestation of conventional social behaviour.

The beauty of the joke is the form that Allen gives it. The entire film is presented, quite poker-faced, as a documentary reconstruction. Allen has often demonstrated his wide film culture and quick response to the tics of style. This is a perfect documentary biopic. An English voice intones the nicely-turned commentary, as fragments of old film, still photographs, the halting reminiscences of survivors and the glib commentary of contemporary pundits (real-life people like Susan Sontag, Saul Bellow and Dr Bruno Bettelheim) are assembled in tidy journalistic style.

Not only is it perfect parody of the reportage film, with all its patent simplifications, half-truths and misinterpretations. The fragments of film within the film are wonderful comic pastiche. Here are the very tones of old newsreel titles and commentaries, and the way that people – politicians, celebrities or people on the street – behaved in front of silent cameras or early microphones. Especially piquant are extracts from an imagined Warner Brothers dramatized biography of 1935, with Zelig and his adventures glamorized Hollywood-style.

There is an awesome verisimilitude about *Zelig* which ought to create a permanent scepticism in the face of screen documents. Allen introduces a lot of genuine old footage and photographs, which by skilful cutting and dastardly doctoring are made to blend imperceptibly with the inventions. Thus Zelig plays golf with Bobby Jones and baseball with Red Grange, spars with Jack Dempsey, hobnobs with Eugene O'Neill and appears on the Paris music halls with Josephine Baker. (The great old *entrepreneur* Bricktop appears in person to recall the occasion.) He is serenaded by Fanny Brice and immortalized in prose by Scott Fitzgerald; and weekends at San Simeon with Randolph Hearst, Marion Davies and Charlie Chaplin. Cole Porter wants to write a song about him, but nothing rhymes with Zelig. It would be a shame to spoil the comic shock by describing his encounters with the Pope and Adolf Hitler. Accompanying Allen-Zelig through all these adventures, Mia Farrow, as his psychiatrist and salvation, displays the prime comic gift of never acknowledging by so much as a blink that anything they do is remotely comic.

The quality of great comedies, like *Candide* or *Verdoux* or *Viridiana* (and there is no embarrassment at all in putting *Zelig* in that sort of company) is that narratives of seemingly transparent simplicity leave you with quite as many questions about the condition of man as do great tragedies. When you recover from the laughter, this pure, perfect, beautiful comedy leaves a trail of reflections about truth and fiction and the difficulty of preserving one's own personality in a society which offers so many off-the-peg models for being which are so much easier to wear.



Feted in New York: Zelig (Woody Allen) and Dr Fletcher (Mia Farrow)

Seventy years ago Adolph Zukor started a company called "Famous Players in Famous Plays" and launched a long series of dignified and very boring films. The veteran producer Sam Spiegel revives the policy in Betrayal, with two ascendant stars, Ben Kingsley and Jeremy Irons, in the Harold Pinter play first seen at the National.

In his recent adapations from the stage *(Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* and *Streamers)* Robert Altman has shown that the camera eye and a cinematic management of space can add new dimensions to a theatre text. David Jones, the director of *Betrayal*, has no such ambitions; his camera is used as a self-effacing recorder. (Not self-effacing enough in the event; the constant cross-cutting is obtrusively clumsy and ugly.)

Enjoyment then must depend upon responses to performances and text. The performances certainly are admirable: Kingsley with his oriental features and quicksilver changes of mood; Irons with a traditional English *jeune premier* style livened and made more expressive by a face that can crumple like a thwarted child's; Patricia Hodge, graceful and quietly witty; all three of them expert with the stylized Pinter repartee and pauses between.

The text is intriguing and amusing, of course, with its trick of tracing the course of an adulterous affair backwards to the point of its birth. The nine anti-chronological scenes of the stage version are retained almost unchanged in the film. The close view of the screen shows up its flimsiness. Pinter's seemingly tangential lines do, it is true, have a way of going to the depths of his people; but these colour-supplement adulterers (publisher, agent, gallery-owner – the middle-men of art) are after all fairly shallow.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the National Film Theatre is showing three programmes, originally presented at the Edinburgh Film Festival, of the films of Ladislaw Starewicz, the Polish pioneer animator. Starewicz stands apart from any tradition of film or animation. He pursued a single-handed, artisan style of production, and in the Twenties firmly rejected Hollywood offers to set him up in a conventional studio. His films exist outside time. Hes masterpiece *The Beetle's Deception or the Cameraman's Revenge* was made in 1911, but it is subject to none of the technical limitations of the period and remains as rich as ever in its fun and fantasy. If Starewicz has any artistic antecedents they are rather Grandville or Carroll than any film artist.

Born in Moscow in 1882, he was an films that he had the idea of using animated insect dolls. *The Beetle's Deception* is very close to Grandville – a solemnly crazy tale about an adulterous beetle couple whose marital infidelities are recorded by a voyeur movie cameraman. When they go together to a cinema, and see each other's indiscretions on the screen, a fracas ensues, the cinema burns down and the two of them end up in gaol, still fighting.

After the Revolution Starewicz emigrated to France, where he worked up to his death in 1965. His best work dates from the Twenties and Thirties. His anthropomorphic animals and bizarre dolls are vividly characterized. His films could be impolite or horrific. A sweet little mascot pup pees insolently on a policeman's boots; the fish skeletons and other awful denizens of the dustbin come to life in a nightmare ballet. *Love in Black and White* has Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Tom Mix and a Negro couple in strange erotic connexions engineered by two Cupids, one black and one white. Though it is strange that the most famous film of his later years, the marvellous *Zanzabelle à Paris* (1947) is missing from the season, this is a welcome rediscovery of an artist not like any other.

David Robinson

Opera

Magical mastery

Nais/Les Fêtes de Polymnie
Sadler's Wells

Last week Buxton Festival Opera showed us in their production of Vivaldi's *Griselda* that, given a poor plot, a composer not naturally a dramatist in the theatrical sense, and the conventions of *opera seria*, baroque opera can be a farce. This week the English Bach Festival are concentrating on Rameau's work, and in so doing they are solidly reinforcing the increasingly widely held view that here is a master who occupied the same sort of position in his age as Monteverdi did before him; or even, dare one say, Mozart after him.

This despite the fact that Wednesday night's tercentenary celebrations consisted only of extracts from two works, the opera *pour la paix*, *Nais*, and the opera-ballet *Les Fêtes de Polymnie*. And this despite also the fact that Rameau's basic building blocks are, like Vivaldi's, pretty well-defined self-contained forms. Yet Rameau creates an underlying momentum by making his *airs* into flexible things, half aria, half recitative, and by exploiting his mastery of orchestral effect to the full: witness the arresting openings of both works.

After what by all accounts is a triumphant production of *Platée* these extracts are staged with hardly a prop. Partly because Terence Emery's costumes themselves are enough of a spectacle, and partly because both works are easy to follow without further embellishment, *this matters little*.

What is missing is a positive character in the productions themselves, for Tom Hawkes barely has time to impose anything like a personal view on the proceedings. Perhaps the same claustrophobia affected the players and singers, for, despite David Roblou's obviously committed direction, the sounds that emerged were often undisciplined, especially in matters of rhythm. And the old problem of poor standards of baroque oboe playing was again evident, especially in *Nais*.

In both works Richard Jackson sings the role of Jupiter confidently, though his lightness of voice is perhaps a little ungodlike. In *Nais*, Anthony Moore as Pluton threatens to swamp him with his booming richness. Nais herself is the innocent, girlish-sounding Dorothy Madison. As Flore here and Polymnie herself later, Eiddwen Harrhy proves to be her antithesis, sacrificing a sense of style for more conventional opera-house effects. Christine Bunning impresses briefly as Mnemosine *(Polymnie)* but otherwise it is not a vocally distinguished evening, particularly for the tenors. Do not let that stop you from going tonight, however. The courage of Lina Lalandi's festival and the quality of the music both merit a full house.

Stephen Pettitt

La cenerentola
Glyndebourne

With their five-town tour about to start, *Glyndebourne Touring* Opera are on home ground this week unveiling three of the operas in their repertory: *Cenerentola, Fidelio* and *The Love for Three Oranges*. I did not catch John Cox's original production in July and August, so I came to this version, prepared for the tour by Andy Hinds, fresh and uninfluenced by any memories.

This touring version works splendidly on its own terms and crackles along under the baton of James Judd. The sets, altered and reduced in size for smaller stages under the supervision of the original designer, Allen Charles Klein, are economical yet suggestive. Don Magnifico's drab castle, coloured in varying shades of brown, has a clever perspective backdrop making the stage area seem much larger than it is; at the same time the furniture is given a false perspective, so that mantelpieces and tables slant at fantastic angles and chairs are squashed up with their seats at 45 degrees.

Similarly, the Don lies precariously on a sloping bed, and the wedding cake in the final scene looks ready to drop on the floor. All of which adds to the humour of this high-spirited evening. So too does the depiction of the storm. Gone is the original elaborate machinery, and in its place is a token bank of clouds, suspended from the ceiling and illuminated with flashes of lightning.

While all this is going on two cut-out horse-drawn carriages cross backstage, return centre-stage slightly bigger and then come on again more or less life-size at the front with the characters crouching behind doing the steering. One of the carriages got stuck in the wings, but no doubt this will be ironed out in due course. Musically, too, there are good things, not least the playing of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta (which improved after a fairly lacklustre overture) and the chattery, controlled ensemble-singing from the principals.

In the title role Carolyn Watkinson, though never really moving comfortably, warms to her part as the evening goes on, singing sympathetically and dealing with her final aria with a thrilling command of articulation and tone. Her ugly sisters, Catherine Benson and Louise Winter, are marvellously tetchy and Philip O'Reilly as Don Magnifico, though not a fully rounded characterization, is well sung and suitably ridiculous. Gary Bennett is a mellow-toned, romantic, if slightly bland Ramiro, but the focus of vocal attention is William Shimell as Dandini, a well thought-out, swaggering interpretation richly sung.

Geoffrey Norris

Television

Bedside

After an epidemic of English and American series in which doctors have been presented as embattled defenders of what is just and good, the spectacle of disagreeable and supercilious members of that profession, in The National Health (Channel 4) came as a positive relief. In this first episode, the flame-haired Dr Marvill joins St Clair's; she would be of more use in a coal mine – wards are being closed down, the ancillary staff are in uproar and a nurse calls our merrily "I have to go scrounge a bed from somewhere".

All those about to enter hospital would have been well advised last night to watch *The Old Men at the Zoo* instead: one surgeon at St Clair's removes the wrong lung in the operating theatre, and a cancer victim is treated with the kind of bland "concern" which can only make matters worse. There is also an outbreak of food poisoning: one look at the hospital kitchens and the patients would have called at once for general anaesthesia.

Much of the play carried immediate conviction – the cancer victim grows more ill as he becomes more dependent, visibly shrinking as the doctor talks to him as a sergeant might talk to a recruit, and the suggestion that doctors are sometimes more concerned with their career prospects and reputations than they are for their patients is not at all unlikely. But, although the melodramatic aspects of the story were cleverly concealed beneath the realistic approach to medical care and nursing procedures, it was still almost too overwhelmingly hopeless a picture: George Gissing has been conflated with *Your Life in Their Hands*.

The writer, G. F. Newman, was clearly eager to emphasize the importance of "alternative medicine", but he seemed also to be *making an even larger* statement. Hospital dramas, whether of the heroic or bathetic kind, become symbols for something other than their ostensible theme – the title of this series itself suggests that Mr Newman is equally concerned to depict the callousness, the inefficiency and the sheer dilapidation of English society. There is nothing wrong with that, of course, but the weight of horror and of gloom is imposed with so much deliberation that there is a suspicion throughout of special pleading. The fact that "study guides" are being marketed with the series in order to stimulate "local debate and action" confirms this. What kind of "action" can a drama properly evoke, while at the same time retaining its claim to being more artful and imaginative than a documentary?

Peter Ackroyd

Theatre

Volpone
Other Place, Stratford

After his biting productions of Tartuffe and Molière it was clearly only a matter of time before Bill Alexander got his teeth into Ben Jonson. And, *whatever the initial disappointment* of seeing yet another *Volpone* instead of a piece less capable of looking after itself, the result is an evening of mordant brilliance from which much of the play emerges as if brand new.

It is, for one thing, the fullest version I have seen (even subtracting the last 30 minutes I missed of its three and three quarter hours). It is not simply that Mr Alexander includes the household entertainments and the English sub-plot for good measure, he shows them to be *integral and in no way inferior* to the main intrigue. The performances by Volpone's creatures are as much a part of his voluptuous life as the adoration of gold. And, led by Peter O'Farrell's dwarf to Guy Woolfenden's langorously hypnotic accompaniment, the revels take on an Arabian Nights atmosphere with the Magnifico sprawled on cushions smoking a hubble-bubble.

As for the English scenes, nothing is funnier in the show than the partnership of Gemma Jones and Bruce Alexander, who builds up Sir Politic into the likeness of an Elizabethan Inspector Clouseau: his pockets crammed with every paper except the one he wants, his eyes ranging the Rialto for spies, and favouring Peregrine with whispered confidences of his master plans to detect plague victims with a pair of bellows and to flood Venice with red herrings.

As for Miss Jones, falling on the bedridden protagonist with an untextual cry of "How does my Volp?", she triumphantly earns a key place in the story as the one visitor Volpone does not want to receive. The sight of those corkscrew curls wagging, and a hooped rump going up in the air as she digs into her basket for yet another unwanted classical author, fully transforms the arch-plotter into a quivering victim.

This is all to the good, as he is played by Richard Griffiths – not one of nature's foxes, and an actor who excels in discomfiture. What is missing in the performance is sheer appetite. Like many bulky actors, Mr Griffiths lacks sensuality, and even when he has Celia (Julie Peasgood) at his mercy, arising from the sickbed with a ghastly mummified leer, the great hymn he offers up to the pleasures of the flesh comes over as gently caressing.

The Scoto masquerade and the bedridden scenes (with one palsied hand fumbling over the covers for the latest present) are marvellously played. But from the start you feel that he is no real match for his parasite accomplice. Miles Anderson's Mosca – no more a fly than Griffiths is a fox – presents a transparently ugly customer, a black-leather athlete with a murderous face. His success is to show electrically quick wit, triumphing over his appearance to draw the scavengers into the net.

They collaborate like two gleeful schoolboys in preparing the deceptions, Mosco loading his patron with pancake make-up and a farting cushion. But when the moment of the final deception arrives, the parasite dwells sadistically on the real sweat of Volpone's panic-ridden court appearance, before going on to lock him out of the house.

The scavengers, all distinguished by appropriate bird feathers, are sharply contrasted; particularly in Henry Goodman's thunderous delivery of Voltore's prosecution speech and John Dick's Corvino, tearfully wrestling on the floor with his reluctant wife while the two accomplices look on patiently from the bed. The superiority of the tricksters over the tricked is never in doubt. Even the gallant young Bonario (Nigel Cooke) emerges as a bookish booby who speeds to Celia's rescue and then tries to lead her to safety through the wrong door. A masterly event.

Irving Wardle

Concert

Martin Roscoe
Leeds Festival

How does red *sound*? A question that would doubtless have appealed irresistibly to *Goethe, Radolf Steiner and* Arthur Bliss, among others, surfaced again on Wednesday night in Matin Rosoce's piano recital, one of several enterprising evenings of discovery at this year's "Painting and Music" Leeds Festival.

Philip Wilby, a lecturer at Leeds University, has written for Mr Roscoe a triptych of *Roses for the Queen of Heaven*, pieces inspired by rose windows in three French cathedrals (and also, I fancy, by Messiaen). The Soissons window is a "rose of flames", and the vigour and rigour of its invention, the imagination of its jig-fugue finale, showed music doing music's job: moving out of philosophy, beyond metaphor, to an autonomous fertility of aural idea and design, albeit nudged into life by an external visual influence.

Mr Roscoe had started his recital with Liszt's *Sposalizio*, a free transcription, if you like, of Raphael's *Marriage of the Virgin*, and his *St Francis of Paola Walking on the Waves*, from a painting by Steinle. The inner voicing and the silences within Liszt's pianistic canvas could have been more sharply defined, their bravura less generalized; but these were bold, fluent performances.

After Debussy's Watteau-inspired *L'Isle joyeuse* and a rather dull *Mosaic* by John McCabe, Mr Roscoe turned to Mussorgsky's *Pictures from an Exhibition*, performed in Ravel's orchestration here last Sunday. The festival programme book, a tour de force of design and information in its own right, had scooped reproductions of six of Hartmann's original pictures from Russia; and, if Mr Roscoe's performances did not quite share their keen observation of detail or the subtleties and peculiar strangenesses within Mussorgsky's own visions, then he rightly seized on the very spontaneity of the composer's responses and recaptured forcefully their surge of creative energy.

Hilary Finch

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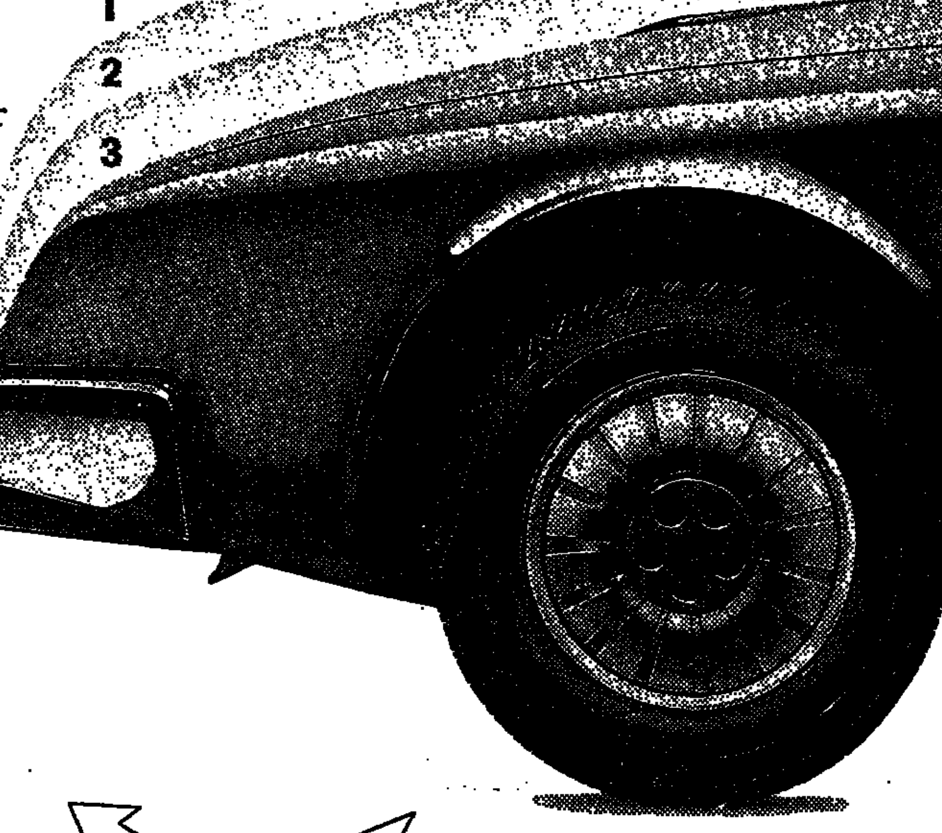
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THE TIMES DIARY

Prime time

Unaccustomed as she was to running a war, the Prime Minister welcomed the wise advice offered to her during the Falklands campaign by one of her predecessors, Harold Macmillan.

Mrs Thatcher, whose political relationship with Macmillan is not intimate, is understood to have sought his views on several occasions as the crisis developed. This emerges from television sources after a rare interview which Macmillan, still sharp and sprightly despite the advance of his ninetieth birthday, recorded recently for BBC1 with Ludovic Kennedy.

The former prime minister, who was wounded three times during the First World War while serving with the Special Reserve Grenadier Guards, gave the interview for a programme which will celebrate the publication of a book from his own stable, *Harold Macmillan – a Life in Pictures*. The book, which includes many photographs from his own archive, will be published on October 27, when the programme will also be shown.

Though I understand the two prime ministers are fond of each other, this is believed not to have prevented Supermac from making acute comments about the Government on the programme.

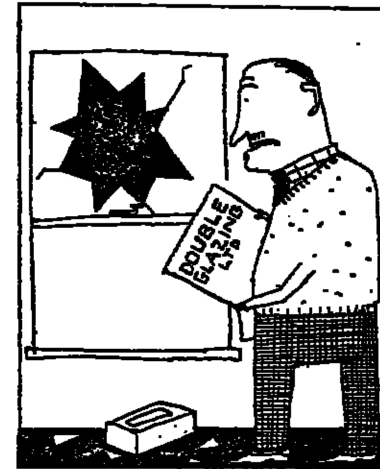
Dock leaves

Author Charles Nicholl found himself with an unexpected final chapter to his book on Colombia when he returned home recently. An expert on Elizabethan literature, Nicholl had accepted the commission from Heinemann while waiting for proofs of his Thomas Nashe biography to come back from Routledge. He had not bargained for the Good Friday earthquake at Popayan which nearly killed him nor for his arrest on return by Customs officers for possession of a class A drug. The handful of dried cocoa leaves discovered on him, a ceremonial gift from the Arbuaco Indians, was sent via the Botanical Gardens at Kew to the government chemist for analysis.

Cocaine content was found to be nil but no one had thought to inform Uxbridge magistrates of the facts, and when Nicholl turned up this week armed with a humble letter of apology from the Commissioners of Customs he discovered they had set aside a whole day for the case. And because the clerk at the previous hearing had failed to note his not guilty plea, the anxious author was forced to enter the dock and plead again before the charge could be dismissed.

●*Michael Cocks, Labour's chief whip in the Commons since 1976, has reacted swiftly to reports that Neil Kinnock no longer requires his services. Cocks has told journalists that he has the unanimous support of all Labour MPs in the South-west. Cocks is the only one.*

BARRY FANTONI



"It denies *Which?* magazine's report on hard selling techniques"

Nervous laugh

Brian Richards, the British doctor accused in the United States of plotting to murder the head of his Harley Street practice, has a special brand of humour. Richards contributes to *Video Doctor*, a bi-monthly magazine taken by 4,000 GPs. This month's issue features a five-minute spot, mostly written by himself, on graffiti found in hospitals. Among the few printable items is: "Better a full bottle in front of me than a full frontal lobotomy", from the neurosurgery unit of an unnamed hospital.

In memoriam

Morbid memories of Labour's ill-fated campaign in the Bermondsey by-election were revived at the annual Tribune rally in Brighton yesterday. Peter Tatchell's election addresses were destroyed by the party earlier this year after it was discovered they had been printed by Militant's Cambridge Heath Press. Apparently only one copy survives. It was auctioned off for £36.50.



Le Nouveau, like Christmas, gets a little earlier each year. Under French law Beaujolais Nouveau may not be sold until November 15, the date upon which all those silly races are held to get the first bottles of young wine on to British tables. The law, however, applies only to Beaujolais. This year Burgundy will be stealing some of Beaujolais' *tonnerre* by bringing out a nouveau on sale here from October 11, long before the annual shenanigans get under way. It is called Chaberlay Nouveau and is produced by Patriarche Per et Fils of Beaune, owners of the largest cellars in Burgundy. The house is playing both ends against the middle because it also handles Beaujolais Nouveau.

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Poland's prize predicament



Roger Boyes on the wider political implications of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Lech Walesa

Warsaw

Lech Walesa in self-defence: "Stop talking about my millions . . . I want to say, I have one suit; no, two, one still from my wedding. Four pairs of socks and two that need darning". The new Nobel Peace laureate is not one of the world's best dressed men. Every age moulds its heroes and the Polish workers of 1980 required their leader to be modest, God-fearing, spontaneous, a bit ragged at the edges; a man who could speak truths, be impudent to the political bosses and wear clothes that did not quite fit his stumpy frame.

As he sits in his living room under a large gaudy portrait of the Pope, it is clear that the maelstrom of Polish politics has not made him into a smooth-tongued statesman: the grammar slips, the moustache trembles, ash drops on the carpet.

The Nobel Prize has given Mr Walesa a choice: he can play a waiting game, waiting for worker discontent to build up again, for the pendulum of Polish life to swing his way again. The Nobel Prize means that he will not be forgotten, will blunt the deluge of government propaganda against him. Or he can capitalize on the prize by becoming more active in the worker opposition to General Jaruzelski's policies. It seems unlikely (though still not impossible) that the authorities would arrest the former Solidarity chief if he met now with the leaders of the underground resistance. Life is embarrassing enough for the leadership without jailing a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

First indications – Mr Walesa's donation of the prize money to the church fund for private farmers – are that the electrician will choose the waiting option, will cement his links with the Roman Catholic Church which has always counselled patience. Even with the prestige of the prize, the possibilities are not large, the scope for action restrained by the limits of Poland's economic crisis, the intransigence of the Government, vigilance of Poland's neighbours.

The real effect of the prize is to strike at the legitimacy of government policies towards Mr Walesa and, by extension, the Solidarity movement. The prize shows that the Government, a team of competent crisis managers and quite shrewd tacticians, has not boxed clever. It decided at too early a stage to exclude Mr Walesa from the national equation.

When the authorities released Mr Walesa in November 1982, after 11 months of internment, they trumpeted loudly that Mr Walesa was the former leader of a former union, a private individual representing nobody. Therefore no dialogue could be held with him. But over the past year, Mr Walesa's obtrusive presence has proved a constant reproach to General Jaruzelski's Government, which claims that it is basing its policies on a real consensus and a constant dialogue with workers.

The solution offered by the collective brainpower within the Government has been a propaganda campaign that has repeatedly tried to discredit Mr Walesa in the eyes of his fellow workers. The logic behind this: if the workers reject Mr Walesa, then the fact that we are not talking to Mr Walesa cannot be held against us.

The Government always had a choice too: it could have tried to institutionalize Mr Walesa. By offering him a role – not within the new pro-government unions, which the former Solidarity leader could never have accepted – the authorities could have shown themselves ready to acknowledge Mr Walesa's standing among Polish workers.

Had the Government tried to shape some form of conciliation council with the co-operation of the Church, and then given Mr Walesa a chance to participate, it would have muffled his presence and at the same time harnessed his myth. The Nobel Peace Prize would thus have been an award not only to the Polish workers but also to the Polish Government. Had Mr Walesa rejected such offers repeatedly, the Government could then have portrayed the Solidarity leader as a man of the past. As things stand, he is still a man of the undeclared future.

A warning signal must surely have been received by the Government when Pope John Paul II insisted on meeting Mr Walesa in June. (It is this meeting above all that allowed the Norwegian Nobel Committee to award the prize without running the risk of being accused of playing in the Polish political game.) This showed the continuing significance of Mr Walesa, even if that significance lies in a discreet "back-seat" role for the Solidarity chief. Because of a failure of political imagination, Mr Walesa has not been institutionalized but expelled into a vacuum.

Poland now faces the frankly absurd situation of a Nobel Peace laureate commuting to work every day as a maintenance electrician in the Lenin shipyards. This is not the Soviet Union: Walesa is not Andrei Sakharov, who can simply be exiled to a provincial city.

Mr Walesa still has the respect of many workers, he has been given an explicitly public role by the Nobel committee, and the workers themselves have enough grievances against the Government for the whole mixture to be quite volatile. Oslo has helped to produce a strong and strange brew in Central Europe.

Bernard Levin: The way we live now

Reader's guide to groupuscules

Brian Harris



Men of the left: Militant's Terry Grant (left) and Peter Taafe at this week's Labour Party conference

When the Militant Tendency held a Walpurgistag at the Wembley Conference Centre the other day, the proceedings were enlivened (no bad thing, I imagine) by a gentleman from the International Spartacist League who attempted to move a motion congratulating the Soviet Union on shooting down the Korean airliner. No doubt to his astonishment as well as chagrin, such a view was held to be a little too militant even for the Tendentious Ones themselves (or possibly they were conscious of the fact that, as the Mayor of Bournemouth once said no less implausibly when welcoming the annual conference of the TUC to his city, "The eyes and ears of the world are upon us"), and he was promptly arraigned on a charge of deviationism.

But the episode set me thinking, once again, about that extraordinary quality of the far left – it is, indeed, its most remarkable characteristic – the relentless and apparently inevitable tendency of all revolutionary groups to split into mutually antagonistic fragments, each of which then splits into further fragments, which in turn split into yet more ... "And these have smaller fleas to bite 'em, And so proceed *ad infinitum*".

The revolutionary right has a similar tendency, but it is not so marked because there is much less of the extreme right to start with; there was, though, a jolly fellow called Arnold Leese, a great expert on the diseases of camels, who complained that Oswald Mosley and his lot were insufficiently anti-semitic (his appetite for anti-semitism must have been exceptionally hearty), set up in business with a policy of exterminating all the Jews in Britain, and called attention to his differences with Mosley by fastening upon him the magnificent title of "the kosher Fascist".

The fissiparousness of the far left provides, or certainly should provide, great comfort for the rest of us; I am one of those who have small relish for being thrown into a dungeon, and even less for being hanged from a lamp-post, and when I contemplate the likelihood of my experiencing such fates I can always cheer myself up by thinking that the enemy will be too busy murdering one another to bother with me.

Now, however, I no longer have to do the contemplating unaided, for a pamphlet that provides a comprehensive guide to all the *groupuscules* of the left has just been published, and I can warmly recommend it as a bedside book at the highest level, rivalling the *Guide Michelin* or even Professor Schoenbaum's *Shakespeare's Lives*.

This *catalogue raisonné* of *les déraisonnables* is called *Tracts Beyond The Times*. It is compiled and annotated by Charles Elwell and is one of the Research Reports of the Social Affairs Unit, a body which shelters under the hospitable wing of the Institute of Economic Affairs (that fact alone guarantees that its work will be thorough and scholarly and will annoy a lot of people who deserve to be annoyed), from whom it may presumably be obtained.

Tracts beyond The Times is, strictly speaking, a guide not to the *groupuscules* themselves but to their publications; its sub-title is "A brief Guide to the Communist or Revolutionary Marxist Press". But most of the organizations are explained or defined, and a picture of them can be fully built up, *ex pede Herculem*, upon the details of their newspapers and magazines. And from those details, I assure you, there is much quiet joy to be had.

I flattered myself that the infinite sub-divisions of the left were fairly familiar to me; I erred. Just listen to this for a start, from the pamphlet's Introduction; it ought to be set to music, preferably by Berlioz:

> . . . the Communist Party, the New Communist Party, the Militant Tendency, the Socialist Organiser Alliance, the Workers' Socialist League, the Socialist Workers' Party, the International Marxist Group, the Workers' Revolutionary Party, the Chartist Collective, the Workers' Power Group, the Revolutionary Communist Party, the International Communist Current [that might be a misprint for Currant, particularly since most of these people are plainly as nutty as a fruit-cake], Big Flame, the Black Unity and Freedom Party, the Revolutionary Communist Group, the Spartacist League, the Workers' Party, the Revolutionary Communist League of Great Britain, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain and the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist).

As you may suppose, none of the members of any of these organizations would willingly share a coffin, let alone a taxi, with any of their rivals, and wonderful to behold is the mutual anathematizing that goes on among them:

> The Spartacist League calls itself Trotskyist but defends the Soviet Union . . . However this does not prevent it from denouncing the "Moscow-loyal Straight Left" or the "vicarious Third World cheerleaders of the RCG – formerly a pseudo-Trotskyist group". The League is equally contemptuous of CND and the "fake-revolutionaries like the Communist Party, Socialist Workers' Party and International Marxist Group, whose aims are quite compatible with Mgr Bruce Kent". [I could hardly have put it better myself.]

Well, the Spartacist League certainly has rigorous standards of exclusiveness, though not quite so rigorous as those of the Workers' Party, which appears to have only one member, who is presumably always unanimous; the party (or "he", as it is no doubt called for short) is "both Trotskyist and pro-USSR and claims be the only truly Communist Party in Britain".

But that is a claim made by virtually every one of these bodies and regularly repeated in their journals. And if the pleasure of murmuring the names of the organizations is great, greater still is that of rolling round the tongue the names of their papers:

> . . . *Revolutionary Socialism, Chile Fights, The Worker, Communist Focus, Link, Critique, World Revolution, The Leninist, Proletarian, Class Struggle, The Next Step, Class Fighter, Spartacist Britain, Troops Out, Workers Power* [whose publishers presumably think that apostrophes are bourgeois, or even counter-revolutionary], *Young Socialist, Black Voice, Revolution Youth* and *Tribune*. [Whatever became of Mr John Silkin's attempt to prise loose the hold of the Bennites on *Tribune?* Come to that, whatever became of Mr Silkin?]

It hardly needs emphasizing that no ordinary person, and few extraordinary ones, could tell the difference between any one of these groups and any other, nor understand the doctrinal differences by which they may be distinguished, let alone find intelligible the mutual detestation felt for each other by organizations which seem to hold absolutely identical views. Certainly Mr Elwell, who must have read, in the course of producing this report, more column-inches of gibberish than any other man alive or dead, wisely makes no attempt to classify the rival ideologies beyond what is necessary to establish the identity of the organizations.

He is thorough, none the less; he even lists the firms who specialize in typesetting or printing the papers, though what happens when two rival journals have the same press day and their staffs meet at the works I cannot imagine – the printers' insurance premium must be ruinous. Mr Elwell also goes into the finances of the groups and their publications, and discusses, without conclusively resolving, the difficult question of nomenclature; the old view, that to call a man a communist meant that he was a member or adherent of the CP, is clearly no longer adequate, yet no other word or phrase will really do – Marxist, Trotskyist (which would anyway rule out most of the Moscow-oriented groups), extremist, left (which now has to be sub-divided into "soft left", "hard left", "traditional left", "broad left" and many another left).

Tracts Beyond The Times is a valuable guide to an almost impossibly fragmented subject; it will have to be revised and up-dated regularly if it is not to lose its usefulness, because the publications it deals with, and for that matter the organizations which publish them, tend, even when they are not splitting for ideological reasons, to go out of existence fairly frequently, sometimes resurfacing later with a new name. Besides, those who read the pamphlet for pleasure alone should not be deprived of further editions with new forms of delight as these become available. Meanwhile, the guillotine grows rusty, and that rumbling of wheels denotes the arrival of the coalman, not the tumbrils.

Brazil suffers, but is it enough?

São Paulo

The wave of looting at supermarkets and food shops that began in Rio de Janciro and spread to São Paulo, is petering out after more than 200 incidents. The Rio state governor, Leonel Brizola, has now said that soup kitchens will be set up for the growing number of destitutes in Rio. At the last count, there were 7,000 beggars in the city centre.

But the Brazil's wave of social disturbances continues to grow. Apart from an average of five armed bank robberies almost every weekday, 250 graves were robbed in São Paulo last month and Molotov cocktails were thrown at the US consulate. Four hundred unemployed are now camped out in São Paulo's main park, under the windows of the State Assembly, making the Governor, Franco Montoro, regret having said that thousands of jobs would be created in the wake of last April's riots.

Not all of this, can be blamed directly on the belt-tightening measures taken to meet the demands of the IMF and Brazil's 2,000 creditor banks. But the intensifying recession of the past three years – its first stage an attempt to ward off the drastic recipes of the fund itself, the present, more acute phase, trying actually to fulfil them - has certainly been in response to outside pressures.

Industry will produce 7 per cent less this year than last, on top of a 10 per cent fall in the previous two years. One in five factory workers have now been sacked in the big cities, and this could reach one in three by the end of next year. Giving the number of unemployed, perhaps three million, is almost meaningless, there being no unemployment benefit in Brazil. More to the point is that 900,000 people are now gathering waste paper, collecting scrap, sifting rubbish, or hawking things in the street, in the six largest cities alone.

The building industry, first step on the ladder for the hundreds of thousands who flood to the cities each year, is at half capacity, and still shrinking. Some 48,000 building workers have been laid off in Rio so far this year, 65,000 in São Paulo.

The five-year drought which has been intensifying in the nine states of the north-east cannot be blamed on the IMF either. That its effects have become so dramatic, however, is partly the result of recent priorities aimed at integrating Brazil fully into the world economic community. This was to be done through increasing trade, and by investing in the vast dollar-thirsty projects, so appealing to bankers, which are largely responsible for the huge debt. Social problems were expected to be automatically solved by a "filter down" process, which has not come about.

The IMF insists that subsidies for food, which undoubtedly boost inflation but also help to keep food prices down, should be eliminated. Partly as a result, food purchases are down by an average of 5 per cent, and by a third in some poor areas. Yet only a third of Brazilians have an adequate diet as it is, and 45 per cent of potential recruits called up by the armed forces have to be rejected for some physical deficiency, generally caused by malnutrition.

The deteriorating situation in the north-east, putting tremendous pressure on precarious facilities, has helped cause infant mortality rates to soar, and in Ceara State a quarter of all babies now die before they reach their first birthday.

Brazil has finally reached its second agreement with the IMF after months of agonizing negotiations. If the economy shrinks by about 5 per cent this year (a figure magnified by the 2.7 per cent annual rise in population) things will be far tougher next. If inflation is cut by two thirds, public spending will be further squeezed.

One side effect of producing larger trading surpluses – the only way by which the snowballing of the debt can be slowed, let alone reduced – means that a larger proportion of the now continually shrinking cake has to be exported. Governments in many countries reportedly consider that Brazil should be taught a lesson for the economic errors which have brought it to its present straits. But there is also a body of opinion which considers that there is no realistic prospect of a return to the sustained economic growth, which would be the solution to Third World debt

So the heroic sacrifices now being made by Brazil will not improve a situation which depends on an upturn in trade to succeed. Those responsible for the economic errors are not those now being called on to suffer for them through starvation, higher infant mortality, a higher and more bizarre crime rate, and roaming the streets trying to turn an honest penny. It is excellent raw material for a real revolution. Do the bankers want that?

Patrick Knight

David Watt

The dangers of a Churchill posture

Margaret Thatcher's extraordinary outburst against the Soviet Union in Washington last week has attracted enough criticism to keep her happy for weeks. I say "happy" because she has got the goat of liberals all right, and I suspect there is nothing she likes better, especially if they are in her own party.

If she read Mr George Walden's attack on the speech on this page earlier this week, for instance, she will probably have been torn between emotions of outrage ("What could you expect from a man who came straight out of that awful Foreign Office on to the Tory benches in June?") and pure joy ("Well, that got to them, then").

There is no doubt, all the same, that most Conservative professionals think she made a serious political error in domestic terms, whatever the merits or demerits of the speech in the purely international context. Public opinion in this country is not "soft on communism" and they admire the Prime Minister's spirit and determination; but they are becoming genuinely frightened about East-West relations and want to know what the Government is doing to prevent "a drift to war". Mrs Thatcher's reply in Washington appeared to be "Nothing, because there is nothing to be done" – except carry a big stick and shout self-congratulatory slogans to keep our courage up. The negativeness of this approach does not measure up to the seriousness of the issue, and however the Prime Minister may have sounded to American ears she sounded shrill to many British ones.

All this prompts the question – how did she get into this pickle? Part of the answer is, of course, embedded deeply in Mrs Thatcher's political style. A tendency to tip over from resolution to shrillness is one that even her greatest admirers recognize as her political Achilles' heel. But though she is sometimes impulsive, she seldom throws political calculation entirely to the winds. And in this case a number of the rational judgments either implicit in the speech or now attributed to her by her supporters, are worth looking at with an open mind.

The first of these is the desire to reassure the Reagan administration. I have often written here that this is a perfectly respectable aim. We depend on the US for nuclear protection and if the fashionable trend in Establishment circles here is continued, we shall be even more dependent than we are already. By this I mean that if we are to reduce our dependence on battlefield and intermediate-range nuclear weapons in Europe, this will not just mean increasing our conventional forces at great expense, it will also entail our increased dependence on the willingness of the US President to risk annihilation on behalf of Europe by pushing the button of his strategic weapons if the Russians used nuclear weapons in Europe first.

In the circumstances, it certainly behoves European politicians to indicate to US governments and Congress that we are on the same side as they are and are prepared to bear a fair share of the burdens. It may even be in the interests of Britain to be more supportive than other European countries in this respect.

But that should not, and need not involve parroting whatever the current Administration line may be. For one thing, it is unnecessary. Harold Macmillan, for example, was and was known to be the most pro-American of prime ministers but he took care to distinguish his views from those of Eisenhower or Kennedy and to exploit a nice British line in wise, slightly world-weary detachment much appreciated on both sides of the Atlantic.

Moreover it does not do justice to the fact that we are *not* in the same relation to the Soviet Union as the US. We lack the resources to accept the global responsibility of containing "Soviet expansion", even when we agree that "containment" is appropriate. We have regional interests in Europe which give us a different perspective from America's – as Mrs Thatcher herself acknowledged when she sided with Europe rather than the US in the gas pipeline affair.

Of course, it is tempting to imply 150 per cent agreement with the President, especially when you are telling him that British troops will leave Belize a lot earlier than he would like, but the danger is that unrealistic expectations are aroused by these means both in the US and in Britain and the subsequent sense of betrayal may be all the worse.

There is no point wasting time on the second calculation Mrs Thatcher is supposed to have made: that tough talking by the British Prime Minister will have some practical effect on Soviet behaviour. It is so absurd that I do not believe that the Prime Minister really entertains it herself. But what about the supposed effect on the British public? Will not this rallying call stiffen our backbones and make us less susceptible to the blandishments of neutralist propaganda? Isn't this what Churchill, in whose honour Mrs Thatcher spoke, was up to?

Here, it seems to me is the real flaw in the Prime Minister's attitude to these matters. She sees herself in the wrong heroic context. The wretched analogy with the 1930s and the appeasement of Hitler has in varying contexts misled generation after generation of politicians on both sides of the Atlantic. It was the undoing of Anthony Eden in relation to Nasser, it seduced John Kennedy and lured Lyndon Johnson to destruction, it obsesses Casper Weinberger and Ronald Reagan, and now it apparently affects Margaret Thatcher's wits as well.

The differences between the situation in the 1930s and now are legion but two are sufficient to dispose of the question:

●We, unlike the British public opinion to which Churchill was appealing, have long since accepted the nature of the threat. We have willingly paid a high economic price for our freedom for the last 34 years and according to the opinion polls are prepared to go on paying it. Mrs Thatcher may think we should pay even more, but I doubt whether easy vituperation against the Soviet Union will affect the argument about Fortress Falklands, which is where the defence expenditure shoe really pinches.

●Churchill had no responsibility in the 1930s. He was free to say what he liked and did so with the more gusto because he believed, rightly, that war was inevitable, anyway by 1936. Mrs Thatcher is Prime Minister of Britain, part of a strong military alliance with a solid public opinion behind her. She has no need of posturings and nor do we. War is not inevitable because we have deterred it. What we need now, perhaps, as Churchill might have said, is more jaw-jaw.

Philip Howard

Time is not on our side, Lady Copper

"Well, I can see it is good fun. But reviewing books is not really work, is it? Not what I call proper work?"

"Up to a point, Lady Copper. But at least there are some pretty paradoxes about the game of reviewing."

1. **The Waste Paper Paradox.** You may suppose that the literary critic spends all day in an armchair with his or her nose buried in the latest good book. Wrong. The publishing industry, which has the most powerful publicity machine of any after the travel and possibly the property industries, vomits out so many circulars, puffs, "personal letters" beginning "Dear Philip, I make it a practice never to write to literary editors, but in this particular instance . . . take in stock lit ed letter no 3, Miss Smith," and assorted waste paper, that you get time to read a real book only in bed or the bathroom. And they try to telephone you there, also.

2. **The hissing serpent paradox.** The famous reviews that linger in the memory are the stinkers. Can you remember any review by Dorothy Parker other than ones in which she is heaving the old harpoon into the quivering flesh of the author? "This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly: it should be thrown with great force." This paradox suggests something not entirely agreeable about human nature and journalism, taking pleasure in the disasters of others. What on earth is the point of using your very limited space for book reviews on doing a dance of derision on bad books, when you could be recommending good books? The answer, Lady Copper, is that a page of fulsome honey and flowers is unreadable and unread. What we want is constructive criticism, which sometimes seems as paradoxical as a taste for pheasant combined with disapproval of blood sports.

3. **The numbers paradox.** The review of one book is usually better criticism and better journalism than a review of several books together. So what do you do at a time of year like this when there are more than 20 novels being published every week? Select one for a proper review and forget about the others? Or find reviewers who can somehow manage to discuss four (five? ten?) novels intellingently and wittily in 800 words? Perhaps we should give more space to fiction. OK, Lady Copper, provided that we accept the corollary that there will be less space for seminal, innovative, creative (and all the other Lit Crit hurray-words) books of politics, biography, poetry, and history; not forgetting "newsy" topical books that catch the eye of the news desk and stimulate the Press Association into pouring out paperfalls of "news" eviscerated from the book.

4. **The critical paradox.** Are we in business to provide a reader service, listing as many books as possible? To write serious criticism, which will affect perceptions of the book and the world? To write lively journalism that will keep the attention of the little old lady in Hastings; attention which is being competed for by two cats? As the old *Times* proconsul said, tearing up Claude Cockburn's first dispatch from Washington and dropping it in the waste-paper-basket: "On this occasion, Cockburn, the cats win." The answer, Lady Copper, is we have to try to do all three things, and several lesser ones.

5. **The perfectionist paradox.** To write a proper review of an important book, which the author may have spent a life-time writing, is a serious, rather an awesome business. One could spend a week, a month, three months, on doing it justice. Such time is not available in the hurly-burly and the little disturbances of daily journalism. There comes a time, about 7.30pm on a Tuesday, when you must stop rewriting and polishing, and deliver the right number of words, even though they are not perfect. Perfection is not available on this side of the heavenly book room. One definition of journalism is making the best of a paradoxical job in a hurry.

There are plenty more paradoxes, Lady Copper. But I see a verdigris look coming into your eyes. I think I might go and try to read a good book.



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A PATRIOT FOR LABOUR

About the great questions of principle and policy which divide his party, Mr Neil Kinnock had nothing to say in his first speech to the Labour Conference since his election as leader. His theme was unity. "Coherent, persistent unity" was essential for victory. The enemy without could not be defeated by groups and warring factions within the party, and the defeat of the enemy was what mattered. "There must be no activity in the Labour Party that is superior to that purpose." The diagnosis was indisputable, but how is unity to be achieved convincingly, and with honour, in a party so divided as Labour is on essentials? Are principles to be swallowed for unity's sake, and if so, whose?

That question was, understandably, not even touched on. Mr Kinnock preferred to dwell on what unites the party which was sensible enough, tactically. Nothing could have been gained by trying yesterday afternoon to produce even the hint of an answer to the nuclear arms question that had so divided the conference the day before that it had again voted two ways at once. By common consent (Mr James Callaghan and Dr Gavin Strang notwithstanding) the Conference had determined to let sleeping dogs lie for the time being.

It would therefore have made no sense for Mr Kinnock to arouse them, and the same is true of economic policy. Sooner or later these questions will have to be dealt with in substance and not simply by empty compromise. In the meantime, however, Mr Kinnock could safely concentrate on what unites all wings of the Labour Party, Mrs Thatcher's alleged attack on the welfare state.

The Conservatives would be foolish to ignore the stimulus that this could provide for Labour unity at a time when their own problems with welfare spending are becoming more difficult. Under a leader who can articulate their case as well as Mr Kinnock did yesterday, Labour could be inspired by it to relegate their other differences, particularly if the public's approval of Mrs Thatcher seemed to be *declining*. The Government would, however, be still more mistaken to underestimate the attraction of what Mr Kinnock has to say on this subject to a wider public. How, he demanded, could it be said that we could not afford welfare when the Government's policies drive down the investment and output which could pay for welfare?

The fallacy of an argument which ignores the damage done to competitive production by eroding money values as a result of over-borrowing by the Government should be clear enough. Yet emotionally, Labour's argument is powerful, and when Mr Kinnock says that welfare economies are made by ministers who do not understand the needs of "real" people he wields a potentially powerful weapon. By calling into aid Churchill, who "gloried" in participating in the foundation of the welfare state, and comparing this with Mrs Thatcher's alleged attempt to terminate it, Mr Kinnock asserted that the Government's approach is mean-minded and Labour's is the true patriotism.

Yesterday he called on people outside Labour's ranks, who had never voted for it, to help defend the health service, and he spoke of the patriotism of democratic socialism, interpreted as the patriotism of peace, justice and care. *It is Mr Kinnock's gift to be* able to express his socialism in terms of noble aspiration rather than mean resentment, which makes him more effective than Mr Foot. The questions he has not answered are the ones that matter. But the Government is not explaining itself very well, and yesterday Mr Kinnock showed a new determination to divert attention from Labour's problems by focusing on those that embarrass Mrs Thatcher. This could provide a breathing space within which what is still the principal opposition party might get its act together.

THE PARKINSON AFFAIR

It is only legitimate to discuss the Parkinson affair because Mr Parkinson has made it so. He could have stood pat on the principle that his private life was not the concern of others beyond his family and friends. That would have been a perfectly respectable position and should have commanded respect. He did not. By making a statement in the early hours of yesterday morning he put his private life into the public domain, and once that is done, it is no longer in his power to define, let alone to control, the limits of discussion about its detail.

This is unfortunate for a number of reasons. It is unfortunate for his family and for Miss Keays's family. They have all been unnecessarily hurt beyond the distress which they would anyway have felt about the episode. That is always the sad fallout of people in public life, whose private behaviour then becomes public property, too. It is unfortunate because it has inevitably put the Prime Minister and her colleagues on the defensive, over a matter which should be of no concern to the government. It is unfortunate because it has given the public an opportunity for one of its periodic fits of false morality and hypocrisy. With luck, that opportunity will not be taken.

Was it necessary for Mr Parkinson to reveal these details about his private life? Only he can say, but if necessary, has he now done the right thing by staying at his post? One consequence of making this episode the subject of a public announcement is that it becomes legitimate to pass judgment on his behaviour as a whole.

It is undeniable that it would have been politically more convenient for the Prime Minister if Mr Parkinson had resigned as a result of this announcement. She would no doubt have accepted his resignation reluctantly. The rest of his party might then have felt that though the reputation of the Government had been dented somewhat by the episode, it had been more than atoned for by such a prompt resignation from a promising member of the Prime Minister's team who after a decent interval would doubtless have been offered and felt able to accept another senior appointment.

Politically that might have been more convenient, but there was no political necessity for it. It was a balance of judgment. No doubt Mr Parkinson had to weigh the cost of resigning against the consequence of staying put. The Prime Minister is a hard political taskmaster but she is a loyal friend, particularly to fellow-politicians in personal trouble. In this case her loyalty is assisted by the fact that the episode has in no way impaired Mr Parkinson's ability to carry out his function as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

And yet the episode leaves a bad taste in the mouth. It is not that Mr Parkinson's career prospects of very high office must now be blighted, though they are. Nor is it the invidious juxtaposition of his personal difficulties with his previous role as Chairman of the Conservative Party, which in its ethos and traditions has always articulated the merits of family life. It is not even the curious wording of Mr Parkinson's statement which hints that an offer of marriage to Miss Keays was made, only to be withdrawn.

The aftertaste comes from the unstable state of society's attitude to sexuality. We all know only too well that, whatever society's aspirations to the contrary, life in this land is full of split homes, illegitimacy, and one-parent families. Why then does the public expect its leaders to preserve the outward forms of a morality which it no longer practises, if it ever did? In examining this instability, we must begin by overcoming any sense of our own virtues for fear of falling into vice on the other side.

There seems to be a doubt whether our existing moral concepts and the legal framework founded on them gives society adequate guidance about sex. There was a reaction against a too repressive morality. That led to a point where sexuality seemed to break through into every conceivable field where it does not belong. Yet a direct and spontaneous expression of sexuality is a natural occurrence and, as such, never ugly. It is only moral repression that seeks to make sexuality on the one hand dirty and hypocritical, or, in the reaction to that, shameless and blatant. The struggle here and the sense of uncertainty is caused by society's fear of allowing its natural instincts to develop, thereby causing some slackening in its sense of morality.

There will be the usual cant about "security". That is just an excuse for prurience in this case as in most others concerning the marital infidelities of politicians. They have been a more or less constant feature of the British political scene for as long as there have been Cabinets. Mr. Parkinson has made a sad and silly blunder. His political career will suffer; his personal life has obviously suffered more. The real victims, for whom no sympathy is enough, are Mrs. Parkinson and Miss Keays.

DECOMPRESSION PAINS

The transition from military to civilian rule, from dictatorship to democracy, is rarely smooth at the best of times. In Argentina, it is not the best of times. Accelerating inflation forced the union leadership to concede demands for a general strike on Tuesday, a strike that was overwhelmingly successful in turn-out but which in current economic circumstances can bring no lasting gains. A Patagonian judge has arrested a Central Bank governor, jeopardising critical negotiations of the country's foreign debt. The different branches of the armed services take different semi-public stands on *this question*, as on so many others. The Rattenbach report on the conduct of the Falklands War hangs over some heads, the question of responsibility for the post-1976 repression over many more. President Bignone admits to "encountering serious difficulties", and some sources close to the military even hint that he may not last out the short weeks that remain before the elections on October 30.

Argentina has strong institutions and a weak constitution. The armed forces, the political parties, the unions – even the courts – have alternated in the ascendancy. At one time soldiers have behaved as if judges did not exist, and at another, a judge behaves as if he could stop an army – or at least a central bank with a junta behind it. The disastrous policies of the last Peronist governments can only be explained by their knowledge that their span would be brief, and that it was therefore rational to make hay while the sun shone. Despite the restrictions on their activities imposed after 1976, the unions show no loss of strength, and the chiefs must follow the rank and file for fear of being swept aside. If, as we sincerely hope, elections take place at the end of this month, the vote will be high and the contest between Peronists and Radicals a closer one than in the recent past.

We have a particular interest in this process, not just the general one of welcoming another return to democracy in Latin America, where that battered concept refuses to admit defeat. The differences between Great Britain and Argentina will not, of course, disappear with the return of an elected government, but new voices will be heard and to assess the weight of what they say, we will have to become more familiar with what was before last year a distant spectacle that did not much affect us. No Argentine politician will wish to go too far or too fast in restoring relations with this country, but among the Peronists as well as among the Radicals, there are figures who afford some hope for at least beginning to find ways out of the current blind impasse. We should therefore wish President Bignone luck for the remainder of his term and hope that nothing interrupts the scheduled elections. Elections are not a certain cure for Argentine ills, but there is no other possible remedy, and no other course can free the Prometheus of the pampas from the twin torments of civilian irresponsibility and military excess.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Way to win the ideological war

From Mr G. Alan Thompson

Sir, Mrs Thatcher is right to remind us all of the global ideological struggle for the hearts and minds of men, the outcome of which is likely to determine our future.

A large part of the globe is controlled already by some form of Marxist government or military dictatorship. Many people in the Third World dislike equally the organised materialism of the East and the selfish materialism of the West, but are led to believe the former is more likely to bring about the changes they feel are needed.

Many in the West who would never join a Marxist party fail to understand the war of ideas, and assist the spread of Marxism by the way they live.

The ideological struggle will only be won when we have a superior ideology. It is not enough to talk about freedom, which is often used for purely selfish ends. A militant amoral ideology which denies the existence of God can only be overcome by an ideology based on an unshakable commitment to search for and follow the will of God, living in the light of his absolute standards of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

There is clear evidence that people in different walks of life in many countries who have accepted the need for change in their own lives have found new attitudes and motives. This has led them to take constructive action which has profoundly affected the life of whole communities and sometimes of nations. Marxists who have seen that human nature can be changed have accepted this new thinking and living.

The best hope for peace in our perilous world lies neither in unilateral or multilateral disarmament but in moral and spiritual rearmament.

Yours faithfully,
G. ALAN THOMPSON,
45 Butterfield Road,
Wheathampstead,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.
October 3.

From Dr M. Bialoguski

Sir, Mrs Thatcher has drawn an analogy between the Soviet Union and pre-war Germany. The analogy was apt except for one important aspect. The Nazi regime in Germany *had overwhelming support from her people*. The Soviet government has not.

The Russians have allowed themselves to be trapped in a secret police system of such pervasiveness and ingenuity that there is no way in which they can rid themselves of it. And I firmly believe that, given a chance, they would.

It is both unwise and unfair, therefore, to equate them with the Nazis. On the contrary, great care should be taken to differentiate between the Soviet regime and the peoples it enslaves.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BIALOGUSKI,
Poynings,
Waterhouse Lane,
Kingswood, Surrey.

Hygiene in prisons

From Dr P. A. Trafford

Sir, The Prison Medical Association welcomes the action of the Prison Governors' Association in bringing to public notice the standards of hygiene now prevailing in some penal establishments. Prison medical officers have repeatedly drawn attention to this state of affairs in their periodical hygiene reports, but little or no action has resulted.

Members of my association now hope to see some positive steps to reduce overcrowding in prisons and to improve toilet facilities, bathing arrangements, clothing exchanges, etc.

I am, etc,
P. A. TRAFFORD, Chairman,
Prison Medical Association,
HM Prison,
Cambridge Road, Bristol.
September 30.

Envoy recalled

From the Ambassador of Nicaragua

Sir, May I refer to the report in *The Times* of September 30 under the heading, "Envoy recalled".

The Spanish Government has decided to change its Ambassador to Nicaragua. The decision to do this was taken some months ago. Contrary to your report, *relations* between Nicaragua and Spain are normal and very friendly.

The ETA incident in Central America is being used by the right in Spain against the Prime Minister and his Government.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCISCO D'ESCOTO,
Ambassador,
Nicaraguan Embassy,
8 Gloucester Road, SW7.

Distant prospect of council savings

From the Chief Executive of Merseyside County Council

Sir, How very fortunate that on the day when you published the letter from the Leader of Sefton district council (September 27) you produced a major leading article referring to common sense. The words used in your article and the thought behind them do more than enough to counter-balance what was said by the councillor.

Why doesn't Councillor Watson state in precise and not general terms where the "considerable savings" are going to come in terms of staffing? Services are going to be passed to the districts. The fire service is one of them. This county council, with the objective of rationalising its service and saving moneys, proposed to close (and ultimately did close) a major fire station in the area. Which district council *was the only one to object?* Councillor Watson's Sefton.

Is it not true that when this county council was created in 1974 there emerged one chief fire officer in place of the previous eight? Is it not equally true that a passing of that service to the districts will mean the replacement of that one with five? It is hard to be confident of considerable savings when those simple facts are analysed.

Councillor Watson does not want to see district councils obliged to take staff from the county council, as *happened (with Lancashire) in 1974.* So who is going to do the work inherited? The existing staff of Sefton? If so, what have they been doing for the last nine years? Waiting for the county to disintegrate so that they will have a real job?

Councillor Watson's Sefton is unique amongst the districts of Merseyside. Sefton refused to take a place on the county council's economic development committee. More recently Sefton refused a place on our tourism committee.

It was Sefton who rejected the county council's suggestion to the districts that we should work in collaboration to present a case for this area to Michael Heseltine at the start of his year in Merseyside, and particularly that we should work together to show how Government grants sometimes impacted unfairly on us all. Sefton described that as being "whining", in which they would have no part.

Which authority was it, a year later, which was leaping about in the columns of the press *complaining* about the same system? Councillor Watson's Sefton. The record of Sefton in all these matters is one of non-co-operative, non-collaborative isolationism.

In my judgment an open inquiry into the government of metropolitan areas would be welcomed by members of all political parties on Merseyside County Council and by us as professional officers. The only stipulation would be that that inquiry should be thorough, fair, competent and independent. It should, above all, consider the interests of the only people who really matter – the people of Merseyside.

Ask questions about that community and one of the first questions it should face is whether there really is an entity, a community, called Sefton. If not, and I believe that many residents of Sefton believe that to be the case, a new set of questions needs to be asked and answered about what is wasteful and what is unnecessary.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. O'BRIEN, Chief Executive,
Merseyside County Council,
PO Box 95,
Metropolitan House,
Old Hall Street,
Liverpool.
September 29.

From Mr W. A. Wiseman

Sir, I had the privilege to be the last Mayor of Bootle before that town disappeared in local government terms in the reorganisation of 1974. But the actual place that is Bootle and the community spirit will never disappear, which is more than I would say for Sefton district council, whose leader expressed in your columns (September 27) a totally unsupported bid to take over services *now excercised by* Merseyside County Council. Sefton has no base and hence that bid has no base.

Bootle is part of Sefton, but there would be much satisfaction locally if Bootle could revert to determining itself those of its affairs which can be provided and funded at a genuinely local level. Including as it does, for politically fraudulent reasons, towns as varied as Bootle and Southport, Sefton fails a definition test of the words "local" and "district".

Beyond the local scale we see nothing wrong, and much to the good, with the services provided by Merseyside County Council. They represent far greater value for money than we get from Sefton.

I believe that areas of government are best related to established communities. Nobody can tell me that Bootle and Merseyside do not fit this bill and a new Bootle council as part of a County Council of Merseyside would command much support.

I am sure there are many other parallels to be drawn across the country *where* the last round of reorganisation got it wrong. The community element is one which I think should be urgently introduced into the stupidly hurried debate about local government structures.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. WISEMAN,
6 Fernhill Gardens,
Bootle, Merseyside.
September 29.

Political funds

From Lord Underhill

Sir, Mr Michael Ivens, the Director of Aims of Industry, in his article of September 28, overlooks important legal provisions regarding the payment of the political levy and also justifies what is a travesty of democracy.

Before a trade union is allowed by law to engage in political activity there has to be a ballot of its members on the establishment of political objects with payments being made from a separate political fund. Before that takes effect, rules for the political fund must be drawn up and approved by the certification officer. Payments in respect of political activities may be made only from the political fund of the trade union.

So there are already tight legal controls on a union's political activity. But these relate solely to the establishment of a political fund. After following these legal constraints a union may decide to affiliate to a political party – up to now such affiliation has been to the Labour Party.

A decision to set up a political fund can always be changed by a rules amendment and a decision on affiliation can be changed by submission of a resolution. On various occasions I have, in the House of Lords, challenged ministers to produce any union rules which prohibit a member from tabling a rules amendment or resolution of this kind.

Of course a trade union member who does not wish to contribute to the political fund and to be affiliated to the Labour Party must be free to *contract out* of that process, but what Mr Ivens and Mr Tebbit are proposing goes far beyond that.

Instead of leaving the minority to dissociate themselves from any such decision what is being proposed is that the majority shall sign to say they agree with that decision.

That is a travesty of democracy and is in effect turning democracy upside down.

Yours sincerely
UNDERHILL,
94 Loughton Way,
Buckhurst Hill,
Essex.
October 1.

A Yorkshire plea

From Mr Herbert Butler

Sir, If a Yorkshireman (Mr Bryson, September 30) is concerned about "Humberside" you can imagine what a Lancastrian feels about "Merseyside" and "Greater Manchester".

Maybe a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but the red rose county stems from Henry II in 1168 and of all counties "time-honoured Lancaster" has more self-respect than to submit to a bunch of 1974 bureaucrats tampering with over 800 years of history.

Yours faithfully,
HERBERT BUTLER,
24 Lawrie Park Avenue,
Sydenham, SE26.
September 30.

Lost for words

From Mr D. B. Walters

Sir, "Try to draft an unbarrable entail" used to be a standard land law problem. You cannot do it.

It would indeed be unfortunate if, in rejecting *heritage* (a perfectly good law term in Scots and French for landed property and its associated rights), another technical legal expression were to be adopted, the outstanding characteristic of which is the ease with which it can be barred (broken) by the least family-minded of those who become entitled to it.

Yours etc,
D. B. WALTERS,
1 Cambridge Street,
Edinburgh.
October 1.

Hospital cuts

From Mr Nigel H. Harris

Sir, It is plainly sensible for organisations employing large numbers of staff to review at intervals their cost-effectiveness. In the case of hospitals, it would be negligent in the extreme if the health authorities did not regularly decide if the patients (not the staff) were receiving the highest standard of care within the limits of the available taxpayers' money.

There is little doubt that health authorities would not make the effort to obtain value for money unless they were provoked by Government policies, whilst private hospitals have no choice but to be cost-effective, or to go out of business.

Public debate should concentrate on which staff can be removed without affecting the care of patients. It is tragic that the Department of Health has asked for staff cuts in hospitals across the board. I have asked before, and it is necessary to ask again, why there has been no request to produce savings in administration at the Department of Health?

Why is the general practitioner service to be absolved from making savings? It is the latter, not the hospital service, which is responsible for the overspending and is the main reason for the present exercise. Surely the first priority for staff cuts must be in administration – non-medical, medical and nursing.

A target has been set for hospital staff, so why not a similar one for central and regional administration? More than £450m is spent on central administration and I would have thought it would be no hardship to reduce this by £50m.

More than £1,000m per annum is spent by the general practitioners on drugs and again I would have thought it would not be difficult to reduce this by at least £50m. Is it not therefore disgraceful that hospitals have strict cash limits, but this does not apply to the general practitioner service?

It is clear that £100m could be saved from these two sources, and no patient would suffer as a result. By all means reduce over-manning of the hospital ancillary service; in large part this has already been achieved. It is utter madness to ask district hospital authorities to reduce by an arbitrary figure the numbers of doctors, nurses, radiographers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, pharmacists, medical secretaries when the departments in which they work are often under-established.

District health authorities are now engaged in an Alice in Wonderland exercise to reduce staffing numbers by an arbitrary figure. It is inevitable that the result of their deliberations will be a reduction in service to patients in some parts of the country. However, it is most unlikely that the emergency services will be affected.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL H. HARRIS,
72 Harley Street, W1.

Catholic doubt on teacher training

From the Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

Sir, Sir Keith Joseph's decision (*The Times*, October 4) to end teacher training in De La Salle College of Education at Middleton, Manchester, raises at least two vital questions for the Roman Catholic community.

The first is whether we still have firm governmental support in providing Catholic teachers for Catholic schools. The Education Secretary's decision has reduced our proportion of national teacher training from the historic share of 9.3 per cent to an actual share of 8.5 per cent. Moreover, it has also reduced the North-west, with 34 per cent of our Catholic schools, to only 20 per cent of our Catholic teacher-training places. The North as a whole will have 50 per cent of our *Catholic schools*, but only 39 per cent of our Catholic teacher-training places.

Sir Keith has listed the changing circumstances which have led him to disregard our historic share. He does not say what, in future, will be the basis for deciding how many of our colleges will remain in business. Until he has agreed a new and firm basis for teacher-training allocation with our national representatives the future of Catholic teacher training will not be secure.

This raises the second important *question* of whether our national representatives will be adequately consulted before future decisions are taken. Initially, there was no adequate previous consultation about De La Salle College. After serious representations from the Catholic Bishops' Conference and the Governors, the original closure decision was reviewed.

The department has clearly considered all the points made from the very beginning before making this present final decision to close. However, in my view, the Secretary of State's freedom of choice was considerably restricted because the decisions about the future of all the other colleges had already been taken, and the new Chancellor of the Exchequer had announced further financial cuts.

Until we can be sure that our national representatives will always be consulted by the Department of Education and Science *before* future decisions are taken about teacher training our colleges will not have a sufficiently secure basis for their future work.

Yours sincerely,
†HUGH LINDSAY,
Bishop's House,
East Denton Hall,
800 West Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
October 4.

Portmeirion hotel

From Professor Gerald Dix

Sir, On September 27 you reported that two years after it was destroyed by fire it has been decided to rebuild the hotel at Portmeirion, where Noel Coward wrote his play *Blythe Spirit* (sic).

This statement is rather misleading. The hotel at Portmeirion, which has continued in operation in a modified way since the fire of June, 1981, consisted of a central building and a number of cottages. It was in one of those cottages, the Watch House, that Coward wrote *Blithe Spirit*, between one Saturday and the next. That cottage, like all the others, was undamaged and quite unaffected by the fire.

The former main building was badly damaged by the fire and has since suffered from the weather, but it was by no means "destroyed" and has for some time been re-roofed and protected from the elements. It will be good to see it in use again, as a constituent part of the village that was Sir Clough Williams-Ellis's main concern.

Yours truly,
GERALD DIX,
University of Liverpool,
Department of Civic Design,
Abercromby Square,
Liverpool.
September 29.

Cenotaph ceremony

From Captain Eric Lowden

Sir, Some years ago I had the privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of the Merchant Air Service. When the procession of wreath-bearers formed up inside the Home Office my colleague from the Merchant Navy and I fell in at the tail end, together with the chiefs of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

One of these very senior, very distinguished, officers was heard to comment,to no one in particular: "Funny how the people who did the actual fighting are left to the last."

I suspect that Mr Peter Fletcher's letter (October 3) will arouse a sympathetic response amongst many ex-servicemen of all ranks – even the most senior.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC LOWDEN,
42 Burke's Road,
Beaconsfield,
Buckinghamshire.
October 3.

Tangled roots

From Mrs R. Daniel

Sir, Speaking on *The World at One* (Radio 4) in reply to Sir John Hoskyns's attack on our nation's leaders, Sir John Nott said: "A country has its mainspring from its grassroots."

This statement was a great reassurance to those of us who had suspected that politicians do not always know what they are talking about.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA DANIEL,
The Willows,
Willow Vale,
Frome,
Somerset.
October 3.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 6: The Prince Andrew this evening attended the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association Reunion Dinner at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W1.

Squadron Leader Adam Wise was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the Save the Children Fund, today attended the Annual Branches Meeting and the Public Meeting of the Fund at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, SE1.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 6: The Prince of Wales, Colonel Welsh Guards, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attended a luncheon in the Officers' Mess, St James's Palace.

Mrs George West and Captain Simon Stephenson were in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, this afternoon at Kensington Palace received Lieutenant-Colonel A. de P. Guavain on relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel P. A. Henderson on assuming command.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Royal College of Music, Centenary Appeal, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, this evening attended a Concert given by Mr Barry Manilow in aid of the Appeal and the Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief, at the Royal Festival Hall, London, SE1.

Mrs George West, Major David Bromhead and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit British Sidac, Wigton, Cumbria and Carlisle Cathedral on December 15.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Royal Jubilee Trusts and President of the Prince's Trust, will visit Greater Manchester on December 20.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Queen Elizabeth II silver jubilee activities centre, Bursledon, Southampton on December 7.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel of the Scots Guards, will attend a service to dedicate a memorial to those members of the regiment killed in the South Atlantic Campaign in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on November 9.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Ditchley Foundation at Ditchley Park, Oxfordshire, and will attend the concluding phase of a Conference on World Wood Resources and the Problem of Deforestation, on November 20.

A low requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sir Rudolph de Trafford at the Church of St Mary, Cadogan Street, SW3, at noon on Thursday, October 13, 1983.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Gilpin will be held at 11.30am on Tuesday, November 15 at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2. Limited reserved seating will be available. For details please apply to Martin Tickner, 110 Mountjoy House, Barbican, London EC2, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr E. J. Gilliland will be held at noon on Monday, October 24, at St Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, London, SW1. Enquiries should be made to the Director, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr D. P. Jenkins to be the County Court registrar and district registrar of the High Court in the Neath and Carmarthen group of courts from November 7 in place of Mr Registrar Evans, who will continue as registrar at Bridgend.
Dr J. A. Catterall to be Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Council from November 1, in succession to Mr Brian W. Oakley.
Mr John Eccles to be Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.
The following to be members of the board: Sir Leslie Fowden, FRS, Professor W G Chaloner, FRS, Professor E C D Cocking, FRS, Mr J P Cousins, Sir Philip Dowson, Professor G E Fogg, FRS, Professor V H Heywood, Sir Charles Pereira, FRS, Professor Elizabeth B Robson, Commander L M M Saunders Watson, and Sir Huw Wheldon.

Birthdays today

Lieutenant-General Sir George Collingwood, 80; Mr Joseph Cooper, 71; Sir Zelman Cowen, 64; Professor Harold Dexter, 63; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Fletcher, 67; Lord Glenarthur, 39; Dr Mark Girouard, 52; Mr Edward Halliday, 81; Mr B. M. S. Hoban, 62; Mr Terence Hodgkinson, 70; Mr Clive James, 44; Mr Thomas Keneally, 48; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Aubrey Mansergh, 85; Miss Yaltah Menuhin, 62; Sir Harry Platt, 97; Major-General Desmond Smith, 72; Mr Justice Stocker, 65; Yo Yo Ma, 28.

Church news

Canon E G Longman, Rural of Yardley and Vicar, St Edburgha's, Yardley, diocese of Birmingham, to be Rector, Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield, same diocese.
The Rev E Marshall to be Deputy Chaplain, Grimsby Hospitals, Diocese of Lincoln.
The Rev F L Marriott, Vicar, Long Itchington and Rector, Ufton, diocese of Coventry, to be Vicar, united benefices of Long Itchington and Marton, same diocese.
The Rev D I Milnes, curate, St Peter's and St Paul's, Chingford, diocese of Chelmsford, to be priest-in-charge, St Alban's, Great Ilford, same diocese.
The Rev H M Moseley, parish priest, Eythorne, diocese of Canterbury, to be Vicar, Ringmer, diocese of Chichester.
The Rev L Parsons, Vicar, Radford Semele, diocese of Coventry, to be Rector, united benefices of Radford Semele and Ufton, same diocese.
The Rev L R Price, curate, Cheddleton, diocese of Lichfield, to be priest-in-charge, Calton, Cauldon, Grindon and Waterhouses, same diocese.
The Rev J S Read, Vicar, Moldgreen, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar, St Mary's, Rawtenstall, diocese of Manchester.
The Rev S Rycroft, Chaplain and assistant master, Wellington School, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Vicar, St Matthew's, Silksworth, diocese of Durham.
The Rev M G F Shears, Vicar, Soham with Barway, diocese of Ely, to be also Rural Dean, Fordham, same diocese.
The Rev T J Trotter, community Chaplain and team Vicar, Gateshead team ministry, diocese of Durham, to be Rector, St George's, Birmingham, diocese of Birmingham.
The Rev A A Upton, chaplain, Royal Navy, to be Vicar, St Laurence's, Foleshill, diocese of Coventry.
The Rev D F Walker, Rector, Kirkby Thore, Temple Sowerby and Newbiggin, diocese of Carlisle, to be Vicar, Coppull, near Chorley, diocese of Blackburn.

Church in Wales
The Rev R B Smith, Assistant Curate of Prestatyn, Clwyd, to be Vicar of Kerry with Llanmerewig, Powys.

Latest wills

Captain Sir John Lionel Armytage, 8th Baronet, of Brighouse, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,602,342 net.
Mrs Nancy Williams, of Brighton, East Sussex, left estate valued at £101,634. After a personal bequest of £8,000, she left £20,000 to the *Imperial Cancer* Research Fund, £10,000 each to the Jewish Philanthropic Association and Dr Barnardo's, and the residue equally between the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, the Sussex Eye Hospital, Brighton, and Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Luton.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Fuller, Mrs Margaret, of Putney, London ......£227,801.
Key, Mr Leslie Ernest, of Great *Plumstead, Norfolk* ......£385,534.
Markmann, Mrs Mary Josephine, of Sunningdale, Berkshire ......£215,528.

Baron Peyton of Yeovil

The life barony conferred on Mr John Peyton, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Peyton of Yeovil, of Yeovil in the County of Somerset.

Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company

The following were yesterday installed officers of the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master: Mr H. W. F. Fuller; Upper *Warden: Mr C. N. Stokes*; Renter Warden: Dr R. G. Bird.

Builders' Company

At the annual court of elections of the Builders' Company held at Tallow Chandlers' Hall yesterday Mr Ronald Fielding was installed as Master, Mr Maurice Pickering as Senior Warden and Mr Ronald Taylor as Renter Warden.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon yesterday at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Taha Yasin Ramadhan, First Deputy Prime *Minister of* Iraq. The other guests were:
Mr Hassan Ali, Mr Qasim Ahmed Taqi, Mr Mohammed Said Al-Sahhaf, the Ambassador of Iraq, Mr Abdul Munim Al-Sammarai, Mr Majid Adham, Mr Wadad 'Alam, Mr Abdul Wahhab Al Mufti, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, Mr Paul Channon, MP, Mr Richard Luce, MP, Mr John Stanley, MP, Lord George-Brown, Lord Catto, *Lord Selsdon*, Sir John Noll, Sir Terence Beckett, Sir John Cuckney, Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, Sir William Duncan, Sir Duncan McDonald, Mr Peter Walters, Mr John Mott, Mr Leslie *Holliday, Mr Abdul Karim Al-Mudaris*, Mr Philip Conway, M James Felker, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Dennis Walters, MP, Mr Nicholas Budgen, MP, Mr Richard Phillips, Mr John Lippitt, Mr John Carswell, Miss Delena Kidd, Mr Edward Mortimer, Mr Patrick Seale, Mr John Wright, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Mr John Moberly, Mr Stephen Egerton, Mr James Blyth, Mr A R Tilchener, Sir Anthony Parsons and Mr John Coles.

Press Club
Sir George Jefferson was the guest of *honour at a luncheon* held at the Press Club, London, yesterday. He was welcomed by Mr Terence Wright, chairman of the Press Club, and M A. Houlez-Basset, chairman, International Press Centre. Others present included:
Mr John Simmons, *Mr Peter Dacre*, Mr Alex Harrison, Miss P Wallace, Mr W Millinship, Mr P Ferguson, Mr Brian Bell, Mr Michael Smith, Mr Jonathan Davis, Mr Lajos Lederer, Mrs Terence Wright, Mr *Philip Liddell*, Mr B Anderson, Mr J Holland, Mr Brian Lawrence, Mr Peter Young and Mrs Janet Newton.

Chicago University
Sir Robert Shone, President of the Chicago University Alumni Club, and members of the committee were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at the Royal Over-seas League in honour of Mr Edwin Bergman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Chicago University, and Mrs Bergman.

Butchers' Company
Mr John W. Brewster, Master of the *Butchers' Company*, presided at a court luncheon held at Butchers' Hall yesterday. The toast of the guests was proposed by Mr Colin Cullimore and the reply was given by Mr John E. McNaughton, Chairman of the Scotch Quality Beef and Lamb Association.

Dinners

HM Government
Viscount Whitelaw, CH, was host yesterday at a dinner at 1 Carlton Gardens given in honour of the First Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, Mr Taha Yasin Ramadhan.

Horners' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was present at the annual dinner of the Horners' Company held at the Mansion House last night. The Master, Mr Leslie S. Wheeler, presided, assisted by Mr E. Rupert Nicholson (Upper Warden) and Mr Michael G. Spofforth (Renter Warden), Mr Guy Edmiston (Deputy Master), members of the court and Dr E. M. Hunt (Clerk). The guests included:
Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Chief Justice Alund, of Sweden, and the Masters of the *Butchers'*, Glaziers' and Arbitrators' Companies.

Westminster Medical School
The Lord Mayor of Westminster was present at the annual dinner for past and present students of Westminster Medical School which was held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr Charles Drew was in the chair and Dr Basil Strickland and the *Dean*, Dr P. A. Emerson, who gave his annual report, also spoke. Among those present were the Vice-Chancellor of London University, Professor Randolph Quirk, the Principal, Dr William Taylor, Lord Barber and Dame Betty Paterson.

London International Financial Futures Exchange
Mr John Barkshire, Chairman of the London International Financial Futures Exchange, and the board of directors, gave a dinner at Tallow *Chandlers' Hall last night* to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of the market. The *principal guest* was the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, and the reply on behalf of the guests was made by Mr Michael Graham, Master of the Mercers' Company.

Caledonian Club
The annual dinner of the Dinner Club of the Royal Thames Yacht Club and the Caledonian Club took place last night at the Caledonian Club. The Right Rev Dr J. Fraser *McLuskey, Moderator of* the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, welcomed the guests.

Makers of Playing Cards' Company
The Master of the Makers of *Playing Cards' Company, Mr J. G.* B. Watson, M.P., presided at a court dinner held at Painters' Hall last *night. The speakers* were the Master, the Senior Warden, Mr R. G. W. Bray, Mr M. J. Amberg and Mr R. C. Squire, M.P. Other guests included Lord Wardington and the Master of the Saddlers' Company.

Reform Club
The Economics Group of the Reform Club debated, over dinner last night, Industrial Strife and the Role of Acas. Mr Pat Lowry, Chairman of Acas, was the guest of honour. Mr Douglas Llambias, chairman of the economics group, presided.

Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry
The annual dinner of the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry was held last night at Inner Temple Hall. Lord Templeman, president, presided and the toast to the Bar Association was proposed by the Lord Chancellor to which the chairman, *Mr Michael* Astbury, responded. Other guests included:
The Attorney General, the Chairman of the Bar (Mr Michael Wright, QC), the President of the Law Society (Mr Christopher Hewetson), Lord Denning, Lord Justice Griffiths, Sir Desmond Heap, Mr Richard Henchley, Sir Michael Kerry, Mrs *Marilynne Morgan*, Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Power, Lord Roskill and Sir Rawden Temple, QC.

Service dinners

The King's Royal Rifle Corps
Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Colonel Commandant The Royal Green Jackets, presided at the annual dinner of the Celer et Audax Club which was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps (TA)
Sir Bernard Braine, MP, entertained officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and their ladies at dinner in the House of Commons last night to celebrate the 75th *anniversary of the Territorial Army*. Major-General R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright, Director Territorial Army and Cadets, and Mrs Gerrard-Wright were the guests of honour. Brigadier K. A. Berresford, Commander HQ RAOC TA, and Colonel W. J. Walker, Colonel RAOC TA, welcomed the guests.

***873 Movement Light Squadron* Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**
Officers of 873 Movement Light *Squadron Royal Engineer (Volunteers)* held a guest night in their mess at Artillery House, Acton, last night. The Officer Commanding, Major R. G. Selby-Boothroyd, presided and the principal guest was the Engineer in Chief (Army), Major-General M. Matthews.

Air Defence Division, SHAEF
Colonel W. S. J. Carter presided at a reunion dinner for British and American officers who were members of the Air Defence Division, SHAEF, held last night at the Army and Navy Club.

Silver coffee pot fetches an auction record

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A silver coffee pot made in London by Paul de Lamerie in 1738 became the most expensive piece of English silver sold at auction when it realized $275,000 (£184,563) at Christie's sale in New York on Wednesday.

It is a magnificent example of the rococo style with everything unsymmetrical that the brightest fantasy could conceive, scrolling foliage, putti jumping out of carouches, shells, flowers, fruit.

It was made for Sir John Lequesne, a successful London grocer, and found its way into the great collection of eighteenth century art formed by Anna Thomson Dodge, the automobile millionairess. It was sold at Christie's in London in 1971 for £24,000. Yesterday it was bought by Koopman the London dealer, in partnership with Museumpiece of Zurich. They are believed to have been buying for a Middle Eastern client who lives in England.

The 10 most important pieces in the New York sale went to purchasers from outside the United States, including four more purchases by Koopman, two by a Middle East collector and one each by two different Canadian collectors. The sale totalled £1,096,537 with 14 per cent unsold.



The £184,563 coffee pot.

In London yesterday Bloomsbury Book Auctions sold the working library of the late Howard M. Nixon for £55,000, roughly half more than they expected, with every lot finding a buyer.

Mr Nixon was the British Library's expert on book bindings and a leading scholar in his field. One of his interests was in the sixteenth century bindings commissioned by Jean Grolier, the sixteenth century book collector.

Nixon's copy of a 1907 published list of Grolier's library, fully annotated with the fruits of his own researches, made the top price of £4,950 (estimate £1,000-£1,500), selling to Pierre Berès, of Paris. A fake sixteenth century binding in Grolier's style made in the nineteenth century by Hagué, a subsequently notorious faker, sold for £650 (estimate £50-£100), also to Berès.

Interest centred on the furniture which had belonged to the late Rebecca West, the novelist, at Christie's start of the season sale of fine English furniture yesterday.

A pair of Regency ebonized and parcelgilt chairs, incorporating lions' masks and claw feet, had the winning combination of being stunningly attractive and comfortable. They were bid to a price of £21,660 (estimate £3,000-£5,000).

The extraordinary table that Dame Rebecca used to write at made £11,880 (estimate £3,000-£4,000). It is a huge Regency mahogany U-shaped table with three trestle supports.

Kenwood House was among the successful purchasers, spending £432 on an eighteenth-century mahogany wheelchair. It is a type designed by an eccentric inventor called John Joseph Merlin, whose portrait by Gainsborough was purchased for the Kenwood collection earlier this year.

Ringing the changes: A 1937 Leyland fire engine with a 104ft extending ladder is the largest lot in a sale of fire memorabilia at Phillips in London on October 19. The machine, owned by Mr Gerald Jenkinson, a Staffordshire motor dealer, is expected to fetch up to £8,000. (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon J. M. Joicey and Miss A. H. F. M. Thompson
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Lord and Lady Joicey, of Etal Manor, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Harriet, younger daughter of the Rev William and Mrs Thompson, of Oxnam Manse, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire.

Mr M. M. Bell and Miss J. G. Isserlis
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs T. R. Bell, of Fendalton, Christchurch, New Zealand, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. R. Isserlis, of Upton, Burford, Oxfordshire.

Mr E. H. C. Brun and Miss A. J. R. Kellett
The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs H. C. Brun, of Fring Hall, King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Anderly, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. R. Kellett, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr G. S. Mackenzie and Miss I. V. K. Brun
The engagement is announced between George Sutherland, only son of the late Mr and Mrs G. Mackenzie, of Chester, and Vivienne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. C. Brun, of Fring Hall, King's Lynn, Norfolk. The marriage will take place shortly in Sydney, Australia.

Mr H. F. Creighton and Miss C. E. J. Micklem
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Creighton, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Micklem, of Gerards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C. E. Jaudon and Miss E. B. Boyarinoff
The engagement is announced between Erik, son of Mr and Mrs O. L. Jaudon, of Gassin, France, and Erena Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. P. Boyarinoff, of Brussels, Belgium and Houston, United States.

Mr J. H. A. Lunshof and Miss C. L. Matthews
The engagement is announced between Jurjen, only sone of Mr and Mrs H. J. Lunshof, of Chiselhurst, Kent, and Catherine, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs D. H. Matthews, of Sundbridge Park, Bromley, Kent.

Mr S. R. Sheppard and Miss C. Vercelli
The engagement is announced between Steven, only son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Sheppard, of Padstow, Cornwall, and Christina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. E. Vercelli, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr C. H. Slade and Miss E. M. Hanley
The *engagement* is announced between Charles, son of Mrs G. M. Slade and the late Lt-Cdr G. H. Slade, of West Ashton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, and Edwina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. M. G. Hanley, of Cranage, Cheshire.

Mr M. S. Stamler and Miss C. A. Goodhardt
The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Stamler, of Wembley, Middlesex, and Catherine, daughter of Professor and Mrs Gerald Goodhardt, of St John's Wood, London.

Marriages

Mr P. C. Derrington and Miss K. P. Baxter
The marriage took place on August 27, at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, between Mr Peter Derrington and Miss Kim Baxter. The honeymoon was spent abroad.

***Mr J. N. W. Jennings* and Miss V. M Talbot**
A service of blessing took place at St *Peter's Church, Lowick, on Saturday*, October 1, after the marriage of Mr Jeremy Jennings, son of Mr and Mrs Rober Jennings,and Miss Victoria Talbot, daughter of Mr Robert Talbot and Mrs Venetia Talbot.

A reception was held at Drayton House.

Colonel J. T. Palmer and Ms A. Sheldon
The marriage took place on September 24 at Westminster Register Office between Colonel J. T. Palmer and Ms Anne Sheldon and was followed by a private luncheon at the Dorchester Hotel.

Mr P. M. Thomas *and Miss H. M. Redfern*
The marriage took place in Tunbridge Wells on September 30 *of Mr Philip Michael Thomas, son* of Mrs Brenda W. Thomas and the late Bernard Thomas, and Miss Henrietta Margaret Redfern, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. Redfern, of Cranbrook, Kent.

University news

Essex
Grants
Volkswagen: DM167,000 (£41,234) to Professor I Budge for research into party policies and popular preferences in modern democracies.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £85,900 to J E Doran and Professor Y Wilks for an investigation into the cooperation and natural language use in a system of intercommunicating agents; £46,220 to T P Hughes and Dr S R P Smith for research into raman scattering and the AC stark effect in hydrogenic atoms.

Science report

How computers keep North Sea oil flowing

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Oil production which began *seven weeks ago* from the huge Magnus oilfield in the North Sea has demonstrated an important new technique for the extraction of hydrocarbons from difficult sites.

The method *is* the latest development in microprocessor technology and involves the installation of microprocessors on the seabed to regulate the flow of oil and gas. Furthermore, this innovation is an extension of a microelectronic control system developed for military aircraft such as the Tornado.

Although the Magnus field contains about half as much oil as more *than a dozen of the* largest oilfields put together, British Petroleum needed an *elaborate scheme to recover* the hydrocarbons from an immense but elongated and *irregular-shaped oil-bearing* strata. So the site is covered *with a network of "satellite"* wells rather than a single borehole, and oil is flowing from five of the seven satellites which are up to seven kilometres from the platform.

The trick has been to devise a microcomputer system which can be attached to the wellhead on the seabed without the need for a diver. That device has to provide reliable two-way communications with the control room on the platform and yet allow the unit to be replaced easily if maintenance is needed.

The similarity between the advanced systems devised for *military aircraft and* the demands of satellite oil well production is in the need for *very high reliability. The* difference is that an additional factor in aircraft is to cut the *weight of equipment*.

The weight is reduced by using *just two wires as a "data* highway" to carry complicated signals between a large package of instruments and control apparatus and a central computer controller. An identical pair of wires connects the microprocessor at each satellite wellhead with the one at the monitoring and control room on the platform.

The cleverness rests in the *software at either end of the* link. The one at the wellhead converts information about the *opening and closing of the* valve, the pressure in the well and other characteristics of the hydrocarbon stream into a series of coded messages.

All that data can be delivered in an orderly stream by a pair of thin wires and deciphered at the platform, and instructions returned to adjust the valves on the *wellhead*.

The electronics system has been developed by a team from Marconi Avionics and is the first application of equipment that has been designed to provide automatic control at depths of up to 8,000ft of water. Their equipment is designed as part of an electronic-hydraulic control unit which is attached to wellhead.

The electronic part with its microprocessor is lowered by crane to plug into the wellhead almost as simply as pushing a jack into a telephone socket. The wellhead electronics are mounted in a cannister designed to meet specifications set by Lloyd's for pressure vessels, enabling conventional electronic components to be used and operated in a dry gas at atmospheric pressure.

OBITUARY

CARDINAL TERENCE COOKE
Archbishop of New York

Cardinal Terence Cooke, Archbishop of New York since 1968, died yesterday in New York at the age of 62 after a long battle against leukaemia.

As the head of one of the largest Roman Catholic dioceses in the United States he exercised considerable influence in the Church, usually on the more conservative side of the argument. But he was never as influential, or as controversial, as his predecessor, Cardinal Francis Spellman, whose protégé he was.

Last March he caused a stir when for the first time he refused to greet the grand marshal of the St Patrick's Day parade, Mr Michael Flannery, on the steps of St Patrick's Cathedral, or to bless the parade. This was because Flannery, an open supporter of the IRA, was setting out to make the parade a pro-IRA event.

Cooke, himself the son of an Irish immigrant, came under pressure not to appear to be giving his support to IRA bloodshed in Northern Ireland. When Flannery reached the steps of St Patrick's there was no one on the steps to greet him and the doors were shut. It was only some 20 minutes later, after the leaders of the parade had moved on, that Cooke came out of the cathedral to watch.

Cooke was born in New York on March 1, 1921, the son of an immigrant from co Galway. He went to Cathedral College in New York, and from there to St Joseph's Seminary in the suburb of Yonkers. He was ordained in 1945, and went on to get a Master's degree in Social Work from Catholic University. He taught for some years at Fordham University, and did work with the Catholic Youth Organization.

In 1957 he was chosen by Spellman to become his personal secretary, and from then on he rose steadily in the hierarchy, becoming chancellor and vicar general of the diocese. On Spellman's death he became, at the age of 47, Archbishop, and, a year later, in *1969, the youngest cardinal* in the Church.

Though often seen as a conservative, *he surprised* many by signing the recent statement by the American *Catholic Bishops which* opposed the principle of nuclear war.

SIR MICHAEL WILSON

Sir Michael Wilson, MBE, who died on October 4 was a former Chief General Manager of Lloyds Bank and subsequently vice-chairman.

The son of a banker, Sir Roy Wilson of the Bank of British West Africa, Wilson was born in 1911 and educated at Rugby and Oriel College, Oxford. He entered Lloyds Bank as a graduate recruit in 1932 and was soon marked out for advancement. War interrupted his career and he served from 1939 in various units of AA Command and on the staff in Britain and India, being appointed MBE in 1945.

Returning to the bank he rose to manager of the prestigious Law Courts branch in the Strand, and then became assistant general manager in 1958. He created precedent in 1961 by vaulting joint general manager level to a new and high position of Assistant Chief *General Manager and then* Chief General Manager in 1967.

When he laid down office in 1973 he became Vice-Chairman of the bank until 1981 and a director of other associated banks. He was also Chairman of the Export Guarantees Advisory Council from 1972-1977 and was knighted for this service in 1975.

A man of engaging charm, he remained calm and unruffled in the hurly-burly of a changing *banking scene, to which he* proved adaptable. He was not tempted into the less prudent *forms of lending that brought so* many bad debts following the collapse of the property boom *in the 1970s*.

Sound in judgment, he had a quick grasp of essentials, and his elegant manner put visitors at ease. So too did his infectious laugh, which always began with a smile in his eyes.

MR CLEMENT HENNIKER-HEATON

Mr Clement Henniker-Heaton, CBE, who died on October 4, aged 73, had a distinguished career in the textile industry and latterly in international social affairs.

He was the youngest son of *Sir John Henniker-Heaton 2nd* Bt, and the Hon Lady Henniker-Heaton, and was educated at *Wellington College. After an* apprenticeship with a Lancashire textile firm, he went to *India in 1936. Volunteering* on the day war was declared, he served with the 14/20th Kings Hussars as Brigade Major of a guerrilla force on the Burma frontier.

On his return to the UK, he became Director of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and subsequently of the British Textile Employers Association. Throughout this period he was involved in numerous activities connected with government, *employer* and trade union affairs, both at home and abroad. He was a member of the CBI Council, a member of the National Arbitration Tribunal and he served as a lay judge on the National Industrial Relations Court.

He played an active and effective role in the field of training, including chairmanship of the Henniker-Heaton Committee on Day Release. *From 1969-75 he was a member* of the governing body of the International Labour Organization and the UK Employers' Delegate to the International Labour Conference. He was also a member of the *Economic* and Social Committee of the EEC.

He was appointed CBE in 1965 and was President of the Textile Institute from 1973-75.

He had a much admired facility for speaking other languages, being at home in eight, and became a Fellow of the Institute of Linguists. He wrote prose and poetry for a variety of journals.

He leaves a widow, Peggy, two sons and a daughter.

MARION GIORDAN

A colleague writes:
Marion Giordan, whose untimely death occurred on September 27, was one of the country's leading proponents of consumer education and had been Assistant Secretary of the Electricity Consumers' Council for the past five years. It was her strong belief that it was fundamentally unfair for consumers to fail to get complaints dealt with satisfactorily because they did not know what recourse was open to them, and she had written and broadcast widely to promote better consumer education.

After an early career in publishing and as a freelance *journalist, she became editor of Insight* for the Housewife's Trust. In 1974 her book *The Consumer Jungle* was published and in the same year she and a colleague founded *BuyLine*, a consumer *information* newspaper for schools. This was followed up with work for the European Community on the role of consumer education in schools.

In 1978 her book *How to be Exploited* set out much of her philosophy on the consumer movement, which she saw as much more than "all *Which?* and washing machines". In her view, consumer education was essential for the future of democracy and healthy, informed cynicism was needed by all consumers.

Her work at the Electricity Consumers' Council sought to put these principles into action, by educating electricity consumers about their rights, and by drawing attention to those forces affecting the services provided by the electricity industry.

MR RONALD HORNE

Mr Justice Vinelott writes:
Ronald Horne, who died on August 6 at the age of 81, was one of a line of exceptionally distinguished Chancery barristers in the tradition of such honoured names as Wilfred Hunt, J. H. Stamp and J. A. Wolfe who shunned the limelight and chose to remain at the junior bar where, however, he earned within the legal profession a high reputation as an equity lawyer and draftsman. His appearances in Court were mostly confined to cases concerning intricate questions of trust law and taxation.

A quiet and modest advocate, it was as an adviser that he excelled. As head of a leading set of chambers, as pupil master and as a constant source of tactful, patient and always reliable advice he made a memorable contribution to the quality of life in Lincoln's Inn.

Called to the bar in 1926, he practised for more than 50 years in Lincoln's Inn. He was elected a bencher of the Inn in 1962.

His life at the bar was interrupted by a wartime career of special interest. He was able to make a significant contribution as Squadron Leader in Air Intelligence in charge of a section concerned with estimating the strength of the German Air Force.

He was educated at Balliol College, Oxford. A notable tennis player in his youth, he and his brother Kenneth once represented Norfolk in the County doubles tournament.

He leaves his widow Audrey and his two sons.

MR GEORGE BREDIN

Sir James Cobban writes:
Your admirable obituary of George Bredin mentions his connexion with Abingdon School but does not record that he was actually Chairman of the *Governing Body from 1967 to* 1972, a period when the then direct-grant schools sorely needed *the wise leadership which he* was so well qualified to give.

He never breathed down the *headmaster's neck but he was* always available to advise, to encourage, sometimes to restrain. The fact that governors' meetings ran so smoothly owed much to his thorough preparation of the business, much more to his patience, his unfailing courtesy, his obvious concern for the welfare of the school.

A great Christian, a great gentleman – Abingdon School is one of many institutions that *will remember him with* affection and gratitude.

Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 711.4 up 3.6
FT Gilts: 82.07 up 0.04
FT All Share: 445.26 up 1.35
Bargains: 20,432
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 98.17 down 0.17
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1,257.42 up 7.22
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,529.97 up 38.04
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 700.92 down 16.76
Amsterdam: 149.2 unchanged
Sydney: AO Index 702.9 up 0.9
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 961.90 up 10.60
Brussels: General Index 129.59 down 0.28
Paris: CAC Index 139.8 up 0.8
Zurich: SKA General 286.2 unchanged

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.4925 up 60pts
Index 82.8 up 0.2
DM 3.85 down 0.0175
FrF 11.8175 up 0.0075
Yen 347.00 down 0.4
Dollar
Index 125.7 down 0.4
DM 2.5805
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling \$1.4925
Dollar DM 2.5752
INTERNATIONAL
ECU£0.583626
SDR£0.714686

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank $9\frac{7}{16}$-$9\frac{5}{16}$
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar $9\frac{3}{8}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$
3 month DM $5\frac{7}{8}$-$5\frac{3}{4}$
3 month Fr F $15\frac{9}{16}$-$15\frac{3}{8}$
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds $9\frac{3}{8}$
Treasury long bond $105\frac{1}{2}$-$105\frac{5}{8}$
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period September 7, to October 4, 1983 inclusive: 9.719 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am \$397.25 pm \$394
close \$395.50-392.75 (£264.75)
New York latest: \$396.80
Krugerrand* (per coin):
\$407-408.5 (£272.50-273.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
\$93-94 (£62.25-63)
*Excludes VAT

TODAY

Interims: Bardsey, Debenhams, Downlbrae Holdings, Heriques (Arthur), London and Manchester Group, Lyle Shipping, F. Miller, North British Canadian Investment, Turriff Corp., C. and W. Walker Holdings.
Finals: Courtney Pope, Insurance Corp. of Ireland, Sanderson, Murray and Elder.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

AAH Holdings, Cavendish Hotel, Jermyn Street, St James's, SW1 (noon)
Aerospace Engineering, Lord Daresbury Hotel, Warrington (noon)
Armitage & Rhodes, Calder Vale Mills, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury (2.00)
Amalgamated Distilled Products, Savoy Hotel, Strand, WC2 (noon)
Black (Peter), Winchester House, Old Broad Street, EC2 (12.30)
English Association Group, Salter's Hall, Fore Street, EC2 (12.30)
Fleming Enterprise Investment Trust, P&O Building, Leadenhall Street, EC2 (10.30)
Restmor Group, 54 Baker Street, W1 (11.30)
Textured Jersey, Engineers Way, Wembley (noon)

NOTEBOOK

Mitchell Cotts, the international trading, transportation and engineering group, has reported a downturn in pretax profits from £9.7m to £7.3m for the year to June 30. The group said that profits from the South African and Australian businesses were the main causes of the decline.
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● **Crystalate** is expected to publish the offer document supporting its £20m contested bid for Royal Worcester, the makers of Spode fine china, today. It is expected to include a profit forecast of more than £3m.

● Mr **George Younger**, Scottish Secretary, met Mr Robert Haslam, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, yesterday to discuss the proposed joint venture deal with US steel. Mr Younger said any deal would need government approval.

Restrictions on foreign ownership of firms will stay

Stock Exchange to ease curbs on overseas trading and commission

By Wayne Lintott

The Stock Exchange is likely to loosen the rules governing commissions and trading in overseas securities as the first step in restructuring its trading practices, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman, said yesterday.

The deregulation would allow brokers to compete freely in the trade for overseas stocks and would let them charge what they considered competitive, he said.

He also confirmed the Stock Exchange Council's and Government's opposition to any change in the rules governing foreign ownership of British stockbrokers.

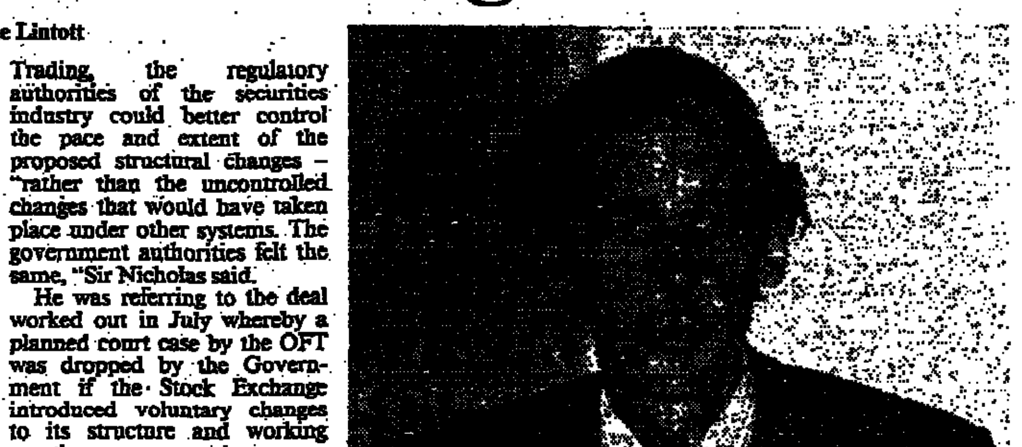
Overseas interests may buy only 29.9 per cent of a single member company. They may not act in concert to own totally a brokers but can own 29.9 per cent of several brokers at once.

Sir Nicholas emphasized that by avoiding the court action over restrictive practices advocated by the Office of Fair Trading, the regulatory authorities of the securities industry could better control the pace and extent of the proposed structural changes – "rather than the uncontrolled changes that would have taken place under other systems. The government authorities felt the same," Sir Nicholas said.

He was referring to the deal worked out in July whereby a planned court case by the OFT was dropped by the Government if the Stock Exchange introduced voluntary changes to its structure and working practices.

A general vote by the Exchange's 4,000 members will take place on Tuesday and opposition to the proposed changes is mounting within the membership. A 75 per cent majority is needed for change.

Sir Nicholas gave a warning that if members voted against the Council's proposals, the Government would have to allow the court case to go ahead. The Stock Exchange Council has so far spent £1m advocating that it should be allowed to manage its own affairs.


Goodison: urging members to support changes

The Stock Exchange agreed with the Government that it would phase out fixed commissions by 1986; allow lay members onto the Council; established a new appeals body; and introduce non-members to the appeals committee.

Sir Nicholas said most members felt that the new proposals should be introduced in one go, rather than being phased in.

But many mebers are opposed to such a proposal, fearing that it will benefit the larger firms in preference to medium and smaller ones.

Sir Nicholas said that he and the Government "were well aware" of the risks involved to the Stock Exchange if members voted against the resolutions and if trading practices were then placed before the courts.

Many of the larger brokers are concerned that, once fixed *commissions are phased out*, single capacity trading would soon break down and that strains would be placed on the compensation fund which guarantees the debts of members that may become insolvent.

Smaller companies argue that the bigger groups already monopolize institutional trading and new issues and that if fixed commissions are dismantled all at once then those practices will become even more concentrated in fewer hands.

City Editor's Comment

Why the Bank has to be cautious

Yesterday's mild rally in sterling on the foreign exchanges is welcome if not yet totally convincing. It vindicates the Bank of England's smoothing operation after the half-point cut in bank base rates.

Yet the market's unhelpful attitude was a shot across the bows, a warning that dealers will be looking at any British Government action that seems to cast doubt on its anti-inflationary programme and at any changes in interest rates that put us too far out of line with the United States. There, after all, enhanced expectations of inflation next year are still lower than the 7 per cent peak many expect here.

The course of interest rates in the US remains a mystery. Recent US money supply figures will not have caused any alarms, but the stockbroking firm Simon & Coates suggests that the Federal Reserve will pay more attention to the relationship between banks' excess free reserves and their borrowings at the Fed's discount window.

If borrowings are higher on balance, today's 11 per cent prime lending rates are likely to continue.

The latest figures showed net borrowings of \$113m, not suggesting any immediate cause for interest rate cuts across the Atlantic.

The brokers argue that any improvement in prospects for the expected US budget deficit are marginal. On that basis, a half-point cut in American interest rates may be the best hope for the autumn.

This would not leave the Bank of England much room to manoeuvre, and it helps to explain the bank's desire to dampen expectations of further quick cuts here.

Overhanging the whole process is the presumption that the dollar will have to come down sooner or later to reflect trade realities as the presidential election looms. On past behaviour, the dollar will then drag the pound down relative to third currencies. That would be the time when we would really be in danger of importing inflation via commodity prices.

Uncertainty on mergers

On the face of it, Mr Cecil Parkinson has again rocked the merger boat by rejecting the recommendation of the director general of Fair Trading that the takeover by Dalgety of Ranks Hovis McDougall's animal feed business should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

No sooner had the new trade team taken over than they let it be known that they would avoid the cavalier treatment of merger decisions by the director general and the commission itself which had characterized the reign of their predecessors.

Within days, it seemed, Mr Parkinson moved to quash the director general's action against the Stock Exchange under the Restrictive Trade Practices Act. So the new good intentions were repeated. Now another of the director general's decisions has gone by the board.

***It would be silly to make too much of this.* The Dalgety deal was by no means an open and shut case for referral. It doubled Dalgety's market share to 16 per cent but there are still plenty of small companies in the business and the barriers to entry are not, it seems, insurmountable.**

It might be a good idea for the commision to look at this whole market, but had both the director general and the Secretary of State let the deal through on the nod, few eyebrows would have been raised.

But Mr Parkinson rightly reacted to disquiet over uncertainty over merger policy.

His aim is right. But the exceptions from his self-imposed regimen add to the uncertainty.

French Dunlop put into receivership

By Derek Pain

Dunlop Holdings, the troubled tyre-making group, has severed its lossmaking French connexion. Yesterday it reported that Dunlop SA, which has about 10 per cent of the French tyre market and employs 6,000, has gone into receivership.

This comes two weeks after Dunlop announced the controversial £82m sale of the bulk of its British tyre operations to Sumitomo, the Japanese group.

Dunlop's French business, with five factories, has been deep in the red for more than five years. Losses since 1977 were £60m and in the first nine months of this year a furher £18m was lost.

"The financial position of Dunlop SA has weakened to the extent of requiring additonal permanent capital to enable it to continue to trade" Dunlop said.

"As the rate of Dunlop SA's trading losses is not abating, the parent company is not prepared to provide any additional capital to Dunlop SA".

Dunlop applied to the commercial court at Nanterre to have its French business put into receivership. Its application was approved and a *syndic*, a state official, was appointed.

Under French law, a syndic is charged with the responsibility of trying to continue, sell or restructure the business.

Dunlop has apparently tried to sell its French side to other tyre-makers. But with losses piling up, there were no takers. The French Government has, apparently, turned a deaf ear to any pleas from the British group.

Just how much Dunlop will be forced to write off because of the French collapse is not clear. But the group will have the satisfaction of immediately stemming its trading losses from this source.

Fraser: losses in France reach £78m

The receivership also means that it will not be responsible *for redundancy payments to* its French workforce.

When Sir Campbell Fraser, Dunlop's chairman, announced the sale to the Japanese last month, he said that the future of the five French factories was under "active consideration".

Dunlop SA was excluded for the Sumitomo sale because, many observers believe, the Japanese group was not prepared to shoulder the losses being incurred. But Sumitomo is acquiring much of the rest of the Dunlop tyre business in this country and on the Continent.

The Dunlop-Sumitomo deal is still subject to final contract. It the takeover goes through – and it has already run into fierce trade union and some shareholder resistence – it will be phased over the 15 months to end-1984.

It is thought that the sale to Sumitomo met with the full approval of Dunlop's Malaysian shareholders.

Successful launch for Spurs

By Michael Clark

Lists for shares in Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and Acorn Computers both closed oversubscribed yesterday.

Tottenham, which set out to become Britain's first fully quoted soccer league side, was offering fans and investors a *total of 3.8 million* shares at 100p each to help wipe out debts of over £3m.

Over £15m was ploughed into the issue by the City and football fans alike, making the issue $4\frac{1}{2}$ times oversubscribed. The shares are expected to start trading between 15p and 20p higher when dealings start next Thursday.

If Tottenham is given a warm reception by the market it might be the signal for several other league clubs to follow suit. Queens Park Rangers, Tottenham's west London neighbour, is considering joining the Unlisted Securities Market and Arsenal is also thought to be considering a similar move.

Meanwhile, Acorn Computers is set to become the biggest company quoted on the USM with its offer of 11.23 million shares at a minimum tender price of 120p.

Parkinson overrules OFT on Dalgety

By Jeremy Warner

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday overturned the recommendation of the Director General of Fair Trading and allowed Dalgety's proposed £42m purchase of the agricultural services division of Ranks Hovis McDougall to go ahead.

The Director General, Sir Gordon Borrie, had recommended that the deal be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Parkinson's decision appears to fly in the face of his statement in June that he would as far as possible follow Sir Gordon's advice in mergers policy. The statement followed a series of controversial decisions made by Mr Parkinson's predecessor, Lord Cockfield.

The Ministry of Agriculture appears to have been the driving force in the decision not to refer the merger. It argued that the potential detriment to competition in the compound animal feed market would not be great because of the number of other large companies operating in the sector and the significant number of smaller companies offering local services.

It is also believed that Ranks Hovis McDougall argued powerfully that it should be allowed to dispose of animal feeds so as to free resources for the modernization of its lossmaking bakery division.

The merger will create the second largest animal feeds company in Britain after BOCM Silcock.

Insolvency reform on way

The Department of Trade and Industry confirmed yesterday that a White Paper on involvency law reform is to be published in the New Year. Legislation is expected to follow in 1984-85

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has told Sir Kenneth Cork that the Government intends to act on the Cork Committee's findings which it has been considering since last year.

Dow up in active trading

New York (AP-Dow Jones). – On the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, shares paused after a sharp, initial rise.

The Dow Jones Industrial average was about three points up at 1,253, after slipping from a gain of more than five points. The Transportation Index was up by more than three points to 581.

Advances were 2-to-1 ahead of declines and trading was active.

International Business Machines was up $\frac{1}{4}$ at $131\frac{1}{4}$, General Motors up $\frac{1}{4}$ to $75\frac{1}{8}$, but General Electric was off $\frac{3}{8}$ to 55, Merck down $\frac{1}{8}$ at $99\frac{7}{8}$, Minnesota Mining, up $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $86\frac{3}{4}$; Exxon, unchanged at $36\frac{5}{8}$, Digital Equipment, up $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $103\frac{1}{4}$, UAL up $\frac{1}{2}$ at $30\frac{3}{4}$, AMR up $\frac{1}{4}$ to $30\frac{1}{8}$ and Teledyne, down $1\frac{1}{8}$, to $164\frac{1}{4}$.

General Dynamics was $55\frac{1}{2}$, up $1\frac{3}{8}$, Citicorp 35, up $\frac{3}{8}$, Honeywell, $121\frac{3}{4}$, Boeing, $41\frac{1}{2}$, up $\frac{1}{4}$,

WALL STREET

Swire shares flout Hongkong trend

By John Lawless

Swire Pacific emerged yesterday as one Hongkong share which was rising against the trend.

It surfaced from among leading Hongkong shares which recorded small losses – as the Hang Seng Index drifted down 16.76 to end at 700,92 – as the only one which posted a gain.

Analysts in London warned against reading too much into the 10 cents rise in Swire Pacific A shares, which took them to HK\$11.50. But they admitted that there are plenty of investors who are tempted to buy but too nervous to do so.

"There is no logic to what is happening on the Hongkong market at the moment," one said. "But if you look at the business facts, Swire Pacific is a quality share in the bargain basement."

The reasons are obvious: the diversified group owns Cathay Pacific, an expanding airline which doubled its profits in the last half-year, reported in September – and which is generating substantial foreign earnings worth more and more as the Hongkong dollar drops.

Even though Cathay displaced Swire Profits Properties as the group's largest profit contributor, the latter – with still much in demand upper middle class apartments, nd few commercial and industrial interests – reported a 19 per cent profit rise.

Intermim profits overall more than doubled at HK\$435m, with those for the full year forecast to be "significantly higher" than in 1982.

The manufacturing sector also looks good, because of the colony's export boom. But investors would find it difficult to buy even if they wanted to because so many of the shares are held by the large trading companies. Winsor Industrial was nominated as a potentially very good buy.

"There is genuine interest in buying Hongkong shares, and they were trading at a slight premium in London

Telecom wants debts written off

By Jonathan Davis
Financial Correspondent

British Telecom's capital structure will be a vital factor in the success of failure of the corporation's flotation on the stock market next year, Sir George Jefferson, the chairman, said yesterday.

Speaking at a London Press Club lunch, Sir George said he would be pressing for a favourable settlement of the corporation's balance sheet problems in negotiations with the Government about the form in which British Telecom starts life as a private sector company.

"I want to have a capital structure that enables us to look like an attractive stock in the market place, not a second class gilt", he said. Only in this way would British Telecom be able to raise sufficient capital to fund the heavy investment programme needed to expand and modernize Britain's telecommunication network in the next decade.

Other key factors that would determine the success of the record £4,000m flotation, Sir George said, were the terms of British Telecom's operating licence and the regulatory framework established by the Government.


Jefferson: capital structure a vital factor

All three factors are expected to be debated fiercely in the coming weeks when the Government pushes its reintroduced telecommunications bill through Parliament. The original privatization legislation was lost when the General Election was called earlier last year.

Sir George expressed concern that pressure group influence could lead to amendments which might damage the corporation's prospects. "The Government could finish up in its efforts to satisfy every pressure group with a licence, regulatory framework and capital structure that does not create an environment in which British Telecom can be a viable and attractive beast" he said.

The chairman's words confirm that the corporation is keen to come to the stock market with a rating more akin to that of a glamour technology stock than a dull public utility. In its negotiations with ministers at the Department of Industry, British Telecom is pressing for the Government to write off much of its debt and also wants to be rid of a £1300m pension fund liability dating back to its incorporation.

Referring to a campaign against privatization, Sir George said that British Telecom's employees were experiencing a revolutionary rate of change in their business. But it was foolish to resist "Canute-like" the changes that were already happening

Australia reassures investors

By Michael Prest

Australia's Labour Government set out yesterday to reassure actual and potential foreign investors when Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, denied that major changes in foreign investment policy were contemplated. He said that an improvement in the economy was likely in 1983/4.

Speaking at a lunch given by the Australia and New Zealand Trade Advisory Committee, Mr Keating said: "The prospects for a sustainable economic recovery in Australia are better than for some time. "He forecast that gross domestic product would grow by 6 per cent in the fiscal year 1983/4, compared with a contraction of 2 per cent in the previous fiscal year. Inflation would fall to 7.5 per cent, he said.

Foreign investment policy was being reviewed, Mr Keating said. But he stressed that "the main emphasis of the review will be on continuity." Of 542 proposals presented to the Foreign Investment Review Board from the time the Government took office to September 6, 501 had been approved.

Telecommunications group sets up in Britain

System X faces Canadian threat

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Northern Telecom, the Canadian telecommunications company, Is to establish a major manufacturing and research presence in Britain. It plans to win some of British Telecom's orders for public telephone exchanges from established British suppliers.

Mr Walter Light, chief executive of Northern Telecom, said in London yesterday that the company would recruit about 220 people, mainly highly skilled engineers, within a year. Most will work at Hemel Hempstead, the Hertfordshire manufacturing and product-development centre, but 70 will be employed at a new research laboratory near Maidenhead, Kent.

The immediate capital investment will be about £6m.

Mr Light said that be expected sales to reach £200m a year, with the British workforce up to 2,500 by 1988. But, he said, that level of growth would depend on the company's selling public telephone exchanges on a significant scale to British Telecom. The market is now dominated by GEC, Plessey and Standard Telephones and Cables.

A British subsidiary is being set up as the vehicle for the company's expansion. Its establishment, Mr Light said, was prompted directly by the governmant's "liberalization" policy; opening the telecommunications market to new suppliers.

Northern Telecom intends, in a plan that will be most provocative to the established British manufacturers, to try to sell its large DMS switches as an alternative to System X, the digital exchange made by GEC and Plessey, on which British Telecom is relying to take its telephone network into the next century.

Mr Light said that Northern Telecom had not yet made an approach to British Telecom. The company had also not recieved any financial assistance or other commitments from the Government.

Northern Telecom already has a licensing agreement with GEC under which the British company manufactures and sells a version of its SL-1 private exchange

Albright in £20m sale to ICI

By Jonathan Clare

Albright & Wilson, a subsidiary of the American oil group Tenneco, is to sell its agricultural division to Imperial Chemical Industries for £20m.

A&W has around 4 per cent of the compound fertilizer market and 4 per cent of the agrochemical market. This compares with ICI's market shares of about one third and 15 per cent respectively, plus half the nitrogen market in which A&W does not operate. ICI says it does not believe monopoly considerations are involved.

A&W is retaining its phosphoric acid business, which is now part of its agricultural division. It wants to concentrate on substantial development of specialized chemical business in a number of limited areas, including phosphoric acid.

The agricultural business is based at Barton-upon-Humber and will be expanded by ICI.

The A&W agrochemical business will be run side-by-side with ICI's agrochemical division. But A&W's fertilizer operation will be carried on by BritAg, a new ICI subsidiary run in tandem with Hargreaves Gertilizers, the present ICI company.

The sale will realize about £20m when working capital is included.

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Pioneer policy to protect investors

While London's commodity markets – not helped by the London Metal Exchange's unilateral declaration of independence – struggle to contrive investor protection schemes able to ward off demands for statutory regulation, a small investment management firm has produced the first comprehensive investor insurance policy.

Broad Court Investment Management, which started trading at the end of last year, has only 120 clients and looks after about £500,000. But its plan could point the way for the industry as a whole, and certainly should be applicable to any reputable fund manager.

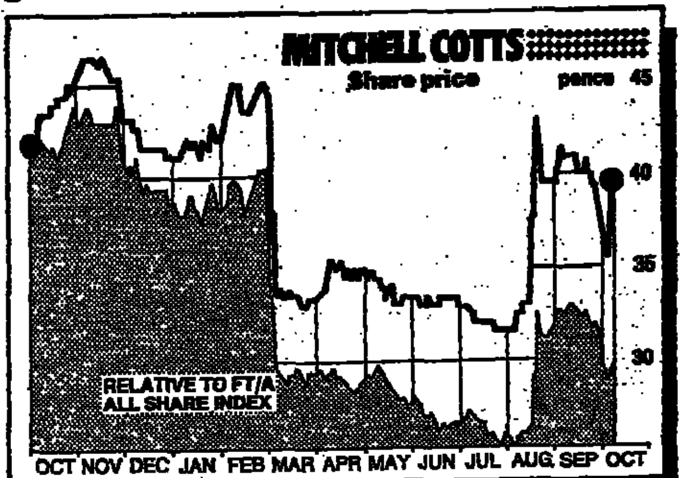
The Broad Court plan insures *all clients of its syndicate* against the failure of either itself or brokers employed by Broad Court to repay any monies owned is unpaid.

The policy is offered by Lowndes Lambert, one of the country's biggest insurance brokers, and covers the investment in the syndicate at the last valuation date, plus 10 per cent of that amount, all funds deposited with the broker and/or the manager, and all interest accrued on such deposits.

For this the investor pays a *premium of 1 per cent* a year of the value of his holding in the Broad Court syndicate. In practice, the client pays each month 1/12 per cent of the value of his holding at the last valuation date. Broad Court has already paid the initial year's premium, so the investor is fully insured from the moment of joining the syndicate.

The advantages of this scheme over segregated funds or trust funds is that no recourse to the courts should be necessary. In both the former cases the legal position is largely untested.

There is no obvious reason why other commodity invest*ment* firms should not offer similar services. Or perhaps the prospective Futures Brokers' Association – if it ever materializes – would consider an insurance plan for the entire industry?



Mitchell Cotts

Mitchell Cotts
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £7.3m (£9.7m)
Stated earnings 4.49p (4.40p)
Turnover £405m (£387m)
Net final dividend 2.12p making 3.62p (same)
Share price 39.5p
Dividend payable 7.11.83

A sharp downturn in South African and Australian operations has dented the 1983 results from Mitchell Cotts. The figures for the year to June 30 from the international trading, transportation and engineering group show that pretax profits have fallen from £9.7m in 1982 to £7.3m.

The profits contribution from South Africa fell from £8.3m a year ago to £3.5m, while the Americas and Australasia were down from a tiny contribution of £3,000 to a loss of £804,000.

The problem in these areas largely came from recession in local economics, although the *drought in South Africa* has also affected mining and contracting areas.

The group's European operations are faring well and helping to counter problems elsewhere. *Profits* from the British contract haulage, specialist chemicals and engineering business have held up strongly, rising form £4.2m to £5.9m.

More than 60 per cent of group profits now come from Europe.

The shift in emphasis will continue into the current year as the group lessens its exposure in South Africa and the rest of Africa

The British operations in particular will be expanded to take advantage of a corporation tax position which means that up to £9m of profits can be earned in Britain tax-free.

Mitchell Cotts is aming for a repeat of 1982 group pretax profits of £9.7m this year and is on course for British profits of £9m in two years. At 39.5p the shares are well off their peak of 46.5p for the past year and offer a strong yield of 13.09 per cent. *They sell on a price/earnings* ratio of 8.1.

Austin Reed

AUSTIN REED
28 weeks to 13.8.83
Pretax profits £1.1m (£830,000)
Stated earnings 3.9p (3.1p)
Turnover £17.4m (£15.4m)
Net interim dividend 1.5p (1p)
Share price 153p, unchanged.

Austin Reed is the second retailer this week to show that the boom in consumer spending is at last feeding through to the clothes shops rather than staying with the durable goods stores.

Its half year profits are good, *though* still just below the record levels of five years ago. Sales are up by 14.5p per cent with inflation accounting for a mere 2 per cent. Volume gains have been particularly good in men's suits and womenswear.

Reed plans to expand its number of Options womenswear outlets from 21 to 37 by the autumn of next year. Competition is hotting up in the womenswear field where the Burton Group, J Hepworth and now Sir Terence Conran's Richard Shops are all aiming at the older, higher spending customers.

Austin Reed believes it can stand aloof from the battles for market share that the high volume retailers are embarking upon. *It sees its main* competition coming from independent up-market shops selling classical lines.

Sales slipped during the heat of July but picked up again quickly in September *at the* beginning of the second half.

Costs will rise with heavier advertising expenditure promoting womenswear although the wage bill is likely to be up by only 8 per cent.

Austin Reed's manufacturing operation has benefited from a new shirt factory while demand for Chester Barrie suits has been stronger in North America. *The* strengthening dollar should help sales of riding clothes in the US

Prospects are good for the second half although results will have to stand comparison with last year's exceptionally strong final quarter.

Eaton may expand further in Europe

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Eaton Corporation, the American vehicle components and *electronics company,* whose cash reserves are expected to reach $500m (£335m) within five years, may make aquisitions in Europe, according to Mr E M "Del" de Windt, chairman and chief executive.

"We have not precluded acquisition in Europe, even in the electronics sector", he said in London yesterday. Eaton already *has plants in* Britain and on the Continent. The group has been looking at technology-based companies in Britain with some form of cooperation as the likely basis for taking a stake.

With the recession hitting vehicle components, once the biggest part of Eaton's production, the company has been switching more resources into developing engineering systems and electrical and electronic products. Eaton's staff has dropped from a peak 5,000 to about 2,000.

On its involvement in Britain, Mr de Windt said: "We are here to stay. They are major businesses in the UK."

Eaton's Manchester plant, which produces vehicle components *and has* recently been rebuilt, is operating at 80 per cent of capacity, with much of its production going abroad.

The closing of some of Eaton's American plants has meant that more of the Manchester production now goes to the United States.

Production at its other British vehicle component plant in Basingstoke was likely to increase because of other prospects now opening up, said Mr de Windt.

This is despite the continued world slump in lorry production, although in the past two months there have been signs in the United States that sales could soon begin to improve.

Eaton's takeover of Cutler Hammer, *which is involved in* electronics, has led to a reassesment of the company's product lines at its Bedford plant. Within two years Bedford is expected to be producing a new key product developed in the United States.

F & C to raise £10.9m with shares issue

F & C Investment Trust, the group founded to provide capital for companies being launched on the Unlisted Securities Market, yesterday announced details of a £10.9m fund raising issue of its own.

The board plans to issue for cash to existing shareholders 36,666,670 ordinary shares at 31p per share on the basis of 10 new ordinary shares for every 15 existing ordinary shares or *warrants held.*

The company will invest the proceeds from the issue in companies which are at an early stage in their development

F & C said the extra funds could also support the companies in which it has already invested.

F & C maintains that its investment policy success is best illustrated by the growth in net asset value which has risen from 23.6p per share at the end of 1982 to 31.6p last month.

The directors have declared *an interim* dividend of 0.09p per share for 1983, against 0.08p at the same stage last year.

Spear & Jackson recovers

By Jeremy Warner

A programme of cost reductions has succeeded in returning the garden tool manufacturer Spear and Jackson International to profit.

In the first half of the year the group made pretax profits of £387,000 against losses over the comparable period of £854,000. At least as good and possibly a lot better is expected for the second half. Last year the group lost £1.8m before tax.

But for the cost of launching new products, first *half profits* would have been almost double. The group has launched a range

Spear & Jackson International
Half-year to 2.7.83
Pretax profit £387,000 (loss £854,000)
Stated earnings 4p (loss 15.7p)
Turnover £16.6m (£15.9m)
Net interim dividend 1.75p (1p)
Share price 108 up 8p.

of Swedish lawn mowers and a new lawn fertiliser under the 'Flourish' brand name.

Mr Leonard Grosbard, managing director, believes fertilisers *could* emerge as the group's most important source of profits. The results, he said, could mark the beginning of a long period of growth for the company.

Borrowings have been reduced from £2.8m to £2.1m, lowering gearing from 30 per cent to 22 per cent. Sales per employee are up 22.7 per cent while payroll costs have come down from 33.8 per cent of sales to 30.9 per cent.

The UK cutting tools division was the major problem in 1982 but it returned to break-even during the second quarter. The French cutting tools company is just breaking even

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne;
Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton;
Gas-oil in US $ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Nov	788–77
Dec	790–90
Jan/Mch	795–92
Apl/Jne	811–10
Jul/Sep	826–25
Oct/Dec	841–40
Jan/Mch	856–55
Apl/Jne	873–70
Jul/Sep	887–85
Vol:	52
Tone: Uncertain.	
SUGAR	
Dec	178.10
Mar	186.60–86.50
May	191.95–91.75
Vol:	3445.
Tone: Easier.	
COCOA	
Dec	1485–83
Mar	1475–74
May	1489–88
July	1505–98
Sep	1514–12
Dec	1524–22
Mar	1540–27
Vol:	2,296
Tone: Easier.	
COFFEE	
Nov	1867–1865
Jan	1848–47
Mar	1757–54
May	1715–14
July	1680–1675
Sep	1665–1660
Vol:	3,809
Tone: Quietly steady.	
Tone: Weak.	
GAS OIL	
Oct	242.25–242.50
Nov	245.75–246.00
Dec	249.00–249.50
Jan	249.25–249.50
Feb	246.50–247.25
Mar	242.00–243.50
Apl	238.00–245.00
May	238.00–245.00
June	256.00–245.00
Vol:2,184	
Tone: Quiet.	

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	972.50–973.00
Three months	996.60–996.50
T/O	11175
Tone: Barely steady.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	946.50–947.50
Three months	971.00–973.00
T/O	nil
Tone: Idle.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8465–8470
Three months	8560–8470
T/O:	95
Tone: Steady but quiet.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8520–8521
Three months	8580–8590
T/O:	105
Tone: Idle.	
LEAD	
Cash	276.50–277.50
Three months	285.5–286.50
T/O:	1875
Tone: Steady.	
ZINC	
Cash	561.00–562.00
Three months	575.00–576.00
T/O:	2525
Tone: Very steady.	
SILVER	
Cash	689.0–690.00.0
Three months	704.50–705.00
T/O:	35
Tone: Barely steady.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1056.50–1057.50
Three months	1084.50–1085.00
T/O:	7,450
Tone: Barely steady.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3105–3110
Three months	3185–3190
T/O:	306
Tone: Barely steady after firmer.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Oct	393.50–395.50
Dec	399.60–400.00
Feb	405.00–405.40
Apr	412.30–413.00
Jun	418.30–420.50
Aug	425.00–427.00

Tone: Uncertain Volume: 617.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Dec	151	4325
Mar	–	4356
June'84	–	4391
Comment: Improving.		
STERLING		
Dec	493	4930
Mar	180	4940
June'84	–	4950
Comment: Stable.		
D-MARK		
Dec	496	4822
Mar	–	3939
June'84	–	3980
Comment: Very active.		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec	15	4822
Mar	–	4886
June'84	–	4947–
Comment: Quiet.		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec	1945	9042
Mar'84	327	9009
June'84	74	8985
Sept'84	1	8959
Dec'84	2	8932
Comment: Stadier.		
SHORT STERLING		
Dec	705	9072
Mar'84	338	9044
Jun'84	24	9022
Sep'84	4	8997
Dec'84	–	8993
Comment: Unchanged.		
GILTS		
Dec	2268	10719
Mar'84	–	10705
June'84	–	10623
Sept'84	–	10609
Dec'84	–	10527
Comment: Hesitant		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 23:
GB: Cattle, 98.24p per kg lw (+0.49).
GB: Sheep, 126.88p per kg est d c w (+3.05).
GB: Pigs, 77.61p per kg lw (–1.10).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 10.0 per cent, ave. price, 98.20p (-1.32).
Sheep nos. down 5.7 per cent, ave. price, 127.10p (+3.24).
Pig nos. down 6.1 per cent, ave. price, 77.61p (–1.10).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 7.2 per cent, ave. price, 98.37p (+1.94).
Sheep nos. Down 9.8 per cent. ave. price, 125.48p (+1.81).
Pig nos. down 9.4 per cent. ave. price, 71.68p (+1.67).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Sep	£123.05	114.40
Nov	£125.55	117.75
Jan	£128.80	121.35
Mar	£131.80	124.45
May	£134.85	126.65
Jly	£138.20	–

Total lots traded
Wheat: 580
Barley: 314

WALL STREET

	Oct 5	Oct 4		Oct 5	Oct 4		Oct 5	Oct 4
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	7	Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR	[illegible]	28	Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Chem	56	[illegible]	GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	34	[illegible]
Allied Stores	49	50	GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Metal	39	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Foods	49	[illegible]	Rockwell Int	28	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	45
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]	Safeways	27	27
Am Broadcast	69	[illegible]	Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	St Regis Paper	[illegible]	29
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	[illegible]	[illegible]	Motorola	[illegible]	[illegible]			
CPC Intnl	[illegible]	40	NCR Corp	130	127			
Crane	[illegible]	[illegible]	NL Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Crocker Int	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Crown Zeller	[illegible]	30	Nat Distillers	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Dart & Kraft	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Med Ent	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]	Norfolk South	68	[illegible]			
Detroit Edison	15	[illegible]	NW Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Disney	63	[illegible]	Occidental Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Dow Chemical	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Dresser Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]	Olin Corp	32	[illegible]			
Duke Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Owens-Illinois	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Du Pont	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Gas Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Eastern Air	[illegible]	6	Pan Am	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Eastman Kodak	[illegible]	[illegible]	Penney J. C.	50	[illegible]			
Eaton Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pennzoil	[illegible]	33			
El Paso Nat Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Esmark	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Evans P. D.	[illegible]	[illegible]	Phelps Dodge	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Exxon Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Fed Dept Stores	[illegible]	58	Phillips Petrol	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Firestone	[illegible]	[illegible]	Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]			
Fst Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	PPG Ind	34	[illegible]			
Fst Intrst Bncp	45	[illegible]	Procter Gamble	58	[illegible]			

Canadian Prices

	Oct 5	Oct 4
Abitibi	24	24
Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Algoma Steel	31	31
Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Bathurst	22	[illegible]
Gulf Oil	18	[illegible]
Hawker/Sid Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imperial Oil	37	[illegible]
Int Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mass.-Fergsn	7	7
Royal Trustco	27	27
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thomson N 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker Hiram	[illegible]	36
WCT	15	[illegible]

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings	†10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9½%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
● 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 5¼%: £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¼%: £50,000 and over, 7¼%.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Tranwood Group
Half-year to 31.7.83
Pretax loss £7,000 (profit £6,000)
Loss per share 0.05p (00.8p)
Turnover £2.4m (2.8m)

Benlox Holdings
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £104,000 (£54,000)
Stated earnings 1.11p (0.81p)
Turnover £4m (£2.2m)
Net interim dividend 0.5p (nil)

Holt Lloyd International
Half-year to 10.9.83
Pretax profit £2.2m (£1.1m)
Stated earnigs 3.3p (0.6p)
Turnover £28.7m (£26.9m)
Net interim dividend 1.5p (same)

Bronx Engineering Holdings
Half-year to 31.5.83
Pretax proft £109,000 (£233,000)
Stated earnings 0.76p (1.76p)
Turnover £6.3m (£6m)
Net interim dividend 0.25p (same)

Unigroup
Year to 2.7.83
Pretax profit £53,000 (loss £66,000)
Stated earnings 1.3p (loss 3.04p)
Turnover £4.3m (£4.1m)
Net dividend none (same)

Silkolene Lubricants
Half-year to 2.7.83
Pretax profit £564,000 (£683,000)
Stated earnings 9.5p (7.1p)
Turnover £9.5m (£7.7m)
Net interim dividend 2.5p (2p)

APPOINTMENTS

Savings bank association elects new chairman

The Association of International Savings Banks in London: Mr Malcolm Winston, senior assistant general manager of Central Trustee Savings Bank, London, has been elected chairman in succession of Mr Richard Robertson, deputy chief manager – London, Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia.

Royal Daulton Tableware (Holdings): Mr Peter Walley has become finance director.

BP Chemicals: Mr C. H. Thompson has been made director with responsibility for the petrochemicals business, production and engineering technical functions. His regional reponsiblity will be for Africa and Australasia. He succeeds Mr I. Steel, who has become chief executive of BP Ventures. Mr J. A. L. Stark is appointed general manager, production department, and Mr A. M. Boden succeeds Mr Stark as general manager, personnel and adminstration department.

Thorn EMI Brimar: Mr Derek Thwaites has been made managing director in succession to Mr Brian Dix, who was recently appointed managing director of AFA Minerva, the Thorn EMI fire protection and security company.

N. M. Rothschild & Sons: Mr Graham Barker has been appointed to the board.



Mr Charles Bowman, above, has been named as chief executive of the newly formed Reed Stenhouse Energy. The other members of the board are: Mr David Bridges, Mrs Patricia Perkins and Mr Richard Palk.

Barclays Insurance Services: Mr Reg Marks has been made a director of the companies and of Barclays Insurance Brokers *International.*

PRC Engineering (UK): Mr Sham Hussein has been appointed engineering director.

Brown Jenkinson: Mr Andrew Lakeman has joined the board as financial director.

ERA Technology: Mr Stanley Steward has become chairman following the resignation of Mr Joseph Hinde, who remains a non-executive director.

Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas reports on a rare promotional drive

ITV takes a leaf out of its own book to build up ratings

For a business that sells other people's goods to the public, Independent Television has been strangely reluctant to sell its own goods – its programmes – in a similiar fashion. Few ITV companies have advertised their forthcoming productions and even on-air promotions – advertising by another name – have been less polished than those of the BBC.

Now all that is changing. The companies were stung more than they will admit by the drop in audiences a year ago. This autumn ITV has launched its biggest promotional effort yet and already it seems to have the desired effect. Total viewing hours in the first three weeks of the autumn schedule are up and the gains have been made almost entirely by ITV, as the Independent Television Companies Association has been quick to point out.

Mr David Shaw, the association's general secretary, says: "The average viewer has watched ITV for over two hours more than in the same period in 1982.

"With our share of the audience also remaining buoyant at 56 per cent, these are trends we'll be hoping to maintain in the period to Christmas." The arrival of Channel 4 has certainly played a part. Even the weather may have had an effect. But the figures are hard to ignore.

Spearheading the ITV schedule has been the 16-hour American epic *The Winds of War*, which must have a strong claim to be the most heavily promoted TV programme of all time: on-air promotions ran regularly from mid-summer, culminating in five-minute trailers that were billed in *TV Times*.

In addition, the two London ITV contractors ran advertising campaigns for the series, Thames using radio and newspapers and London Weekend using radio and posters.

ITV's promotional zeal does not end there, however. This week sees the start of a £1m advertising campaign by Channel 4 which will run for the next six months, using advertisements designed to make people read the programme listings. Next week sees the launch by Television South of a new concept in TV promotion, the TVS Viewers' Club, offering discounts on a variety of goods and services as well as a chance to have a say in programming.

The ITCA is in the process of selecting an agency for a £500,000 image-building and audience-boosting campaign for ITV and will be choosing three programmes to advertise this autumn. Meanwhile, Thames and London Weekend will continue with their own advertising campaigns, as will some other ITV companies.

Mr Ron Miller, sales director of London Weekend and chairman of the ITCA's promotions sub-committee, says: "A programme is a product and it has to be sold. I'd like to think that our ratings success this autumn has been due to a mixture of strong programming and promotion – the best programme in the world won't work unless it's sold to the viewer.

"We shall be selecting three programmes this autumn on behalf of the ITCA and we shall advertise to the public, either through press, radio or posters. We are becoming more aggressive in our promotion."

London Weekend is stepping up its own promotional efforts. In addition to the controversial poster campaign, it has been running for two years (one poster showed Mrs Thatcher spanking the Archbishop of Canterbury, another Denis Thatcher in an apron, while last week there were complaints from Arsenal Football Club about a poster saying "Arsenal fans – now you can watch *live* football this weekend"), the station is running radio commercials and press advertisements for its programmes and has produced a number of animated trailers for its own stars, under the slogan "London Weekend – The Entertainers".

The campaign has been much admired within the advertising business and has won several awards, until there is a widespread feeling that it is actually aimed more at advertising men than at the general public. Advertisers have complained for several years that ITV does too little to promote its programmes and the LWT campaign has been seen as a skilful response to this.

Mr John Blakemore, head of broadcast media at the Ogilvy & Mather agency, says: "I am delighted that they are now promoting their programmes more widely. Advertisers will be spending £900m on television this year and we believe we should see some of that money put into promotion.

"Money invested in programmes does not necessarily mean higher audiences – they must go out and tell the unconverted."

Reaching the unconverted is a particular problem for Channel 4, which with only a 5 per cent share of the audience cannot rely on on-air promotion to build audiences, even when they are also shown on ITV.

Miss Sue Stoessl, Channel 4's head of marketing, says: "We have to bring our programmes to the attention of people who are not watching ITV or Channel 4 regularly. That is why we must advertise in the press."

Research by Channel 4 and its advertising agency, Boase Massimi Pollitt, has shown that one of the channel's problems is that people do not read the programme listings to find what is on: the new campaign, which started this week in *The Times* and other papers, is designed to put that right. The first advertisement shows an elegant pair of legs and the headline reads "Was it only Dr Marvil's degree that got her the job at St Clair's? Find out at 9.30." The reader has to run his eye down the programme listings, printed in the advertisement, to find out that the programme in question is *The Nation's Health*.

The TVS Viewers' Club, has a *different aim, namely*, to encourage viewers to feel closer to the station. Mr Martin Jackson, TVS Controller of public affairs, says: "Television has not felt the need to do this before, but such clubs are part and parcel of the promotional activity of radio stations and newspapers.

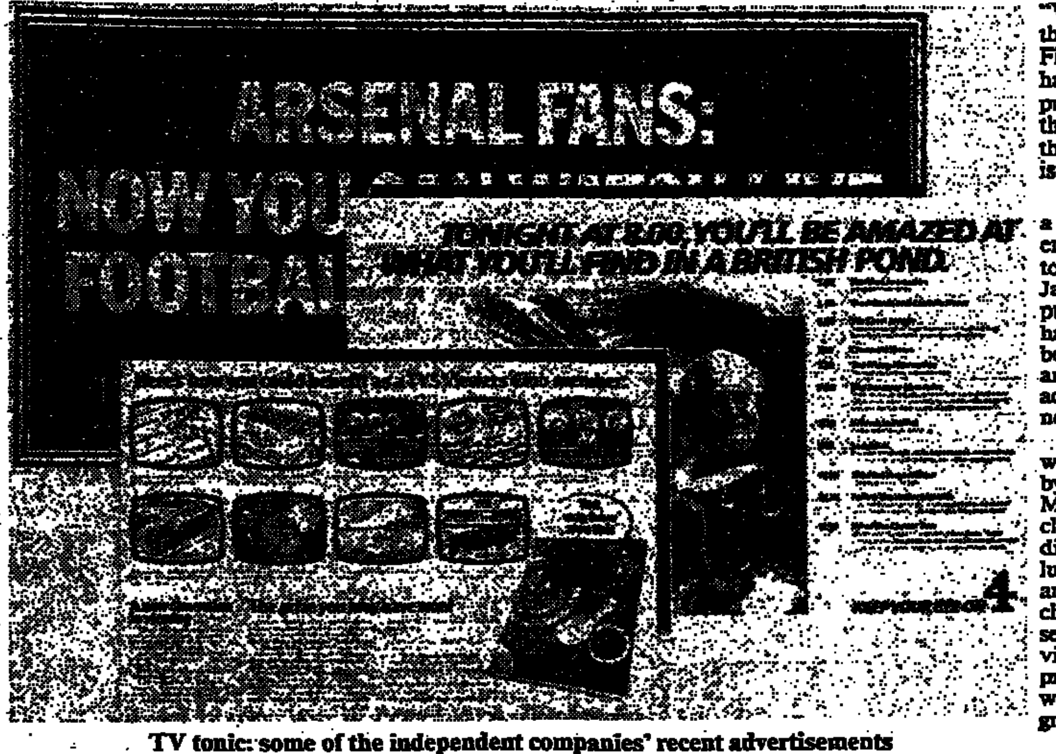
"Membership will be free and we hope to get 20,000 members by Christmas and 30,000 by March. Members will receive a club card which will give them discounts on holidays, wine, luggage, restaurants, insurance and other goods. They will get a chance to win the book of our series *The Spice of Life* and to visit the studios and watch programmes being made, as well as taking part in programme research."

TVS is investing £70,000 in the venture, using professional direct response agency, MSW Rapp & Collins, but the aim is for it to make a profit. The benefit to the company, apart from the potential profit, are that it will build up an affinity with its audience, it will provide a regular panel for programme research and that it will give maximum impact to TVS's new afternoon programming.

The most clear-cut case history on the value of promotion is that of the first London Weekend Agatha Christie blockbuster *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* three years ago.

In London, where the programme was very heavily trailed on the air and advertised on radio, it topped the ratings. In eight other ITV areas, it did not make even the top ten.

That was a one-off programme, which did not have a chance to build an audience, as *The Winds of War* did in some areas.



TV tonic: some of the independent companies' recent advertisements

The secretive Barclays prepare for Ellerman

The brothers David and Frederick Barclay, now set to take over the Ellerman Lines shipping and breweries empire, have a quiet presence even in the hotel trade which they entered some 20 years ago.

With the Ellerman deal still to be finalized on November 15 they are adopting a low profile, shunning public exposure of their company's affairs and business philosophy.

At the offices of their main company, Barclays Hotels, at 2 Hyde Park Place, overlooking the north side of Hyde Park, inquirers get short, if polite, shrift.

Barclays Hotels and its *network of subsidiaries last* reported as a group on the year to December 1980. Turnover was £3.33m – down from 1979's £4.17m and 1978's £5.27m – with the group's pretax losses standing at £713,246. There had been an accumulated loss at the beginning of 1980 of £1.1m.

But in 1980 the group nevertheless finished up with a bottom-line profit of about £490,000 because of extraordinary items contributing £1.18m. During the year a hotel sale netted £4.4m.

The company's auditors, Cooper and Lybrand, qualified the accounts because they were not satisfied money due from related companies would be recovered in full. Coopers qualified the 1979 accounts for the same reason.

It was during 1979 the Barclays acquired the Mirabeau, a luxury hotel in Monte Carlo which they still operate. In 1980 the brothers sold the Londonderry Hotel in London's Old Park Lane, reportedly to Arab interests.

The 1979 accounts show a pretax group loss of £196,400. The year before pretax profits had stood at £142,000, an 83 per cent drop on the 1977 level of £846,000.

The group's loans exposure at the end of 1980 was not great at marginally above £1m. But this had varied over the year as was to be expected in an essentially property dealing business such as hotels.

At the end of 1975 loans had totalled £5.8m, had become repayable and the Barclays were contemplating significant disposals to reduce debts.

Up to 1980 the Barclays had been involved with a number of other London hotels, among them Hyde Park North (sold in 1971) and the Senator (sold in the mid-seventies). The Cadogan and the Lowndes also came within the Barclays orbit.

The notable survivor is the Howard Hotel, the Barclays' flagship in Britain. It is one of London's plushier hotels just off the Thames Embankment near the Aldwych. It opened in 1975.

The brothers, remembered in the hotel world as at one time in estate agency and then property development in the London area, have until now had two main thrusts in their business. For as well as buying, operating and sometimes selling hotels they also launched into catering. They spearheaded this drive by taking a 73 per cent stake in Swiss Fair which runs restaurants and some shops at the Swiss Centre in London's West End.

On the hotels side since 1980 the Barclays have moved on apace. Last summer in a £9.25m deal they bought M. F. North, which had for many years operated a chain of temperance hotels under the chairmanship of Sir Cyril Black. The First National Bank of Boston guaranteed the transaction which was carried through by one of the many Barclays companies, Shirelispe, which *had authorized share capital of* £100.

The brothers' shyness veils straightforward dealing and accessibility to staff

The offer document in consequence did not tell the world very much about the affairs of Barclays Hotels.

North, already in losses, had started to sell off some hotels. But Barclays took on nine, four of them in the London area and four on the south coast, with another in Surrey.

A number have been sold off. One of those remaining is the Oatlands Park hotel at Weybridge and there is known to be one more at Worthing.

Early this year the brothers were on the move again. The *Euromoney Syndication Guide* reported that M. F. North had arranged a £23m financing deal for seven years through the First National Bank of Boston.

By the end of February, through the North operation, the Barclays had tendered successfully – to the tune of around £17m – for three of the 21 British Transport Hotels which had been put up for sale by British Rail.

Barclays Hotels in 1979 had some £6m in net tangible assests, including £5.6m in fixed assets. One measure of the challenge the Barclays are facing in taking over loss-making Ellerman is that Ellerman's net tangible assets stand at around £250m, half of them accounted for by fixed assets.

The particular challenge is Ellerman's shipping interests, which last year made a £3.1m loss. Ellerman was also in losses in its travel and leisure division but this is not part of the Barclays deal, an ironical turn of events because that division would have seemed a much more logical extension of the Barclays' interests.

Ellerman's brewing business which is part of the Barclays deal is notably profitable. There is Tollemache & Cobbold, the East Anglia regional brewers, and J.W. Cameron which trades mainly in the north-east of England. The breweries, with tied pubs, could clearly fit in with the Barclays' drive into the catering and leisure areas.

The question is what the Barclays can make of the Ellerman shipping interests even though others before them – notably a construction-based Trafalgar House with Cunard – have shown it is a path which can be trod with some success.

The Barclays have made clear they will continue with the shipping business which includes the operation of 16 ships.

On this aspect a Barclays spokesman – predictably anonymous – said: "It is simply a business. There is cold storage in South Africa. There is freight forwarding in East Africa. It is not purely a shipping company."

The Barclays are so far silent on whether their thrust into the leisure sector might on the shipping side take them into the operation of cruise liners.

What the secretive brothers will make of Elleman remains far from clear. But they have survived in the difficult world of property. Their public shyness, according to one executive with them for a time, veils qualities that include straightforward dealing with individuals and an accessibility within the company.

Derek Harris

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A & M Hire 10p Ord (a)	24
Arronale Group 25p Ord (115a)	138
Atlantic Computer 10p Ord (230*)	258+12
BP 25p Ord (435*)	198-2
Central Independent Tv 50p N.V.Ord (a)	169
Cifer 10p Ord (*a)	141+5
Coin Industries 10p Ord (10*)	108
D J Security Alarms 10p Ord (60a)	86
DPCE Holdings 5p Ord (*)	220-3
Flextech 10p Ord (14a)	158
Freshbake Foods 5p Ord (60a)	66
Mainmet Hldgs 10p Ord (63a)	70
Metal Sciences 2.5p Ord (11a)	35
PCT Group 10p Ord (150a)	160
Peel Hldgs 25p Ord (210)	198+2
Real Time Control 5p Ord (148a)	208
SCUSA $0.01 (85a)	94+1
Technology for Business 10p Ord (100a)	80
Thermal Scientific 25p Ord (83a)	87

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Audiotronic shares rebound

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 3. Dealings end, Oct 14. Contango Day, Oct 17. Settlement Day, Oct 24.

It looks as though the worst may be over for Audiotronic Holdings, the troubled electronic distributor, brought to market by the Lasky family in 1972.

Yesterday the shares rebounded 3p to 17p just – 1½ p short of the year's high – on hopes that after six years of heavy losses the group was ready to break even, and possibly turn in a pretax profit of around £400,000 next year.

This came after a meeting in the City between the company and broker Grenfell & Colgrave who reckons the shares are a good recovery bet. Apparently the group has just been awarded the distribution rights of a new German telephone system made in the Far East. The system can handle six separate lines and serve 12 extensions at a time, and could be a big money spinner for Audiotronic, which has had more than its share of ups and downs in recent years.

Shares in the company were offered by the Lasky family in 1972 at 140p, but the venure soon ran into trouble, so the group turned to Mr Geoffrey Rose, the company "doctor" who eventually sold off the Lasky retail chain to Ladbrokes. After the departure of Mr Rose the reins were taken over by Mr Aziz Khan Panni, managing director and former deputy financial editor of the *Sunday Times*, who, according to Grenfell, seems to have put Audiotronics on the right-frequency.

Shares of BOC Group expanded 7p to 235p yesterday helped by a feeling of renewed optimism in the City. Next week the goup is flying out a party of four analysts to view its US operation, including Airco. This has led to speculation that the end of Arico's profits plateau may be in sight.

Elsewhere, the equity market enjoyed a new lease of life helped by the overnight strength of Wall Street. The FT Index closed 3.6 higher at 711.4.

Among the leaders Tesco, the store group, raced away after hours with a jump of 8p to 174p on persistent buying. Earlier this week one broker arranged a "put through" of 3 million shares (1 per cent of the company) and dealers said that a similar amount had been picked up by one aggressive buyer yesterday.

GKN also enjoyed a return to favour after Birmingham-based broker Albert E. Sharp arranged a seminar for the group. The shares responded with a jump to 169p before closing at 164p – a rise on the day of 4p.

Gilts spent a quiet day, but managed to hold on to earlier gains of around 25p, while on the foreign exchange the pound rose 0.6 cents to $1.4925.

Shares of Crest Nicholson, the housing to leisure group, appear to be running ahead of events. Yesterday they closed 4p dearer at 91p ahead of a meeting with brokers Laing & Cruickshank later today.

Cullens Stores, the grocery chain, encountered speculative support with the "A" rising 21p to 210p and the ordinary 28p to 258p. Reports Market reports suggest rival Lennons had sold its entire 5.5 per cent stake.

Insurance broker Stewart Wrightson, the subject of several bullish borkers' circulars recently, held talks with borkers Grieverson Grant on Wednesday. The meeting appears to have confirmed Grieveson's earlier findings that the group has got to grips with its problems and is probably now due for a re-rating. The shares rose 7p to 253p.

Albert Fisher Group, the fruit and vegetable trading company, yesterday agreed the £1.4m acquisition of F. J. Need (Crewe), a private company which specializes in buying, selling and packing cheese. Net assets of Need are £783,000, and the company made pretax profits of £185,000 last year on sales of £9.3m. Last night the shares of Albert Fisher closed up 1p at 51p.

First time dealings in Coin Industries, manufacturer of electronic coin accepting equipment, were subdued. The 3.7 million shares were offered by brokers Grievson Grant at a minimum tender price of 100p, but with all applications accepted in full the group could only achieve a striking price of 105p.

So yesterday's opening price of 108p came as no real surprise. At this level the group is valued at just over £12m.

But Wednesday's newcomer Atlantic Computers continued to improve on its striking price of 230p. The shares ended the day at 258p – a premium of 28p.

The prospect of more outsiders taking stakes in Stock Exchange member firms helped shares of Smith Bros, one of London's two publicly quoted jobbing firms, which closed 5p up at 54p. Finance For Industry already owns 750,000 of the ordinary shares.

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GOLF: THE THROWBACK THAT LIFTED A BRITON BUT LOWERED THE FLAG AT WENTWORTH

Faldo rides high on the back of a baboon

By John Hennessy
Golf Correspondent

Nick Faldo kept the British flag flying in the Suntory match-play championship at Wentworth yesterday but it is a tattered and disgraced Union Jack that flutters from the club flagpole. Faldo had the benefit of an appalling piece of dishonesty on the part of some baboon in the crowd, compounded by a *small cheer* that arose when his unlucky opponent, Graham Marsh, missed a second putt from three feet or so.

Having squared the match at the 15th, Faldo pulled his tee-shot at the next and th touch of hook he needed to get the ball on line for the flag added further impetus and it scuttled through the green. After a pause of three or four seconds the ball reappeared, two or three feet in the air, having obviously been tossed back on to the green.

Faldo was able to get a four with a second putt from four feet – which might well have come about anyway, by the way of a chip and putt – whereupon Marsh took three more. Can it be a pure coincidence that this was the only time throughout the match that Marsh needed more than two puts? Neither of the players, it should be said in fairness to Faldo, nor the referee, Bill McCrea, were able to see what happened.

British sportsmanship, or rather the lack of it, has come in for severe criticism lately, particularly on the part of Raymond Floyd, the American Ryder Cup player. One has never been too sure of the validity of his various complaints but there could be no possible doubt yesterday.

Had the hooligans moved in on this game that prides itself on its integrity of behaviour? Gentleman that he is, Marsh gave *Faldo a congratulatory* pat on the back when Faldo got down with a chip and a putt after hitting a superb three wood through the long 17th (571 yards) for a winning birdie four. Marsh had taken three to reach the green and missed from perhaps 15 feet. Thus Faldo takes his place in the second round, to be played over 36 holes today.

According to the rules of golf, Faldo's ball would have to be dropped where it lay, had it come to rest. A moving ball would have to be played where it lay – on the green in this case. Mr McCrea could, under the rule of equity, have insisted on a drop, but had been advised by an official on the spot that there was no indication that the ball had been thrown back.

How could an official have placed such an extraordinary interpretation on the incident, as distinct from those in the crowded gallery (to say nothing of countless millions under the eye of television), many of whom were incensed by the referee's ruling? One declared: "I am British and proud of it but as far as I am concerned I hope Faldo three-putts." After the match many spectators ran to Marsh's car to express their disgust at the treatment he had received.

Another gentleman of golf, Langer, was the player of the day, disregarding Ballesteros's blinding finish against Palmer. Rock-solid through the green, Langer put to flight his detractors when he wielded his putter, whichever grip he used. He had only 12 putts in the first nine holes, saving his par twice with single putts and winning four other holes.

There was little that a dispirited Weiskopf could do about it but one would have wished for a less supine recognition of impending defeat. Driving against a tree stump at the 13th he immediately conceded, though an official had declared before Wieskopf's arrival that he might be successful with an appeal against a rabbit scrape. He might have tried to hack the ball back to the fairway. He could have played another off the tee and hoped that he could match a five by Langer, too far left of the fairway for a sight of the flag, with a three with his second ball. A half in three at the next seemed to come as a welcome relief for the United States.

Lyle was destroyed by his putter, particularly at three successive holes from the sixth. He missed a tiddler after Norman had holed across the green to lose the sixth and took five at the next three holes, again by way of a wobbly putter. Lyle got one back but Norman put him to rest with a four iron to 12 feet at the

Player, finishing with two birdie fours, still could not hold off a determined Charles, who matched Player's four at the 17th and hit a three-wood to six feet for an eagle at the last. The other Australian, Graham, had a torrid time going out with two ugly sixes. Still, he was only two down but a five at the 16th sealed his fate.

First round

W Rogers (US) bt I Aoki (Jap) 5 and 4.
R Charles (NZ) bt G Player (SA) 2 holes.
H Irwin (US) bt D Graham (Aus) 2 and 1.
N Faldo bt G Marsh (Aus) 2 and 1.
S Ballesteros (Sp) bt A Palmer (US) at 21st.
G Norman (Aus) bt S Lyle 5 and 3.
B Langer (WG) bt T Weiskopf (US) 5 and 4.
C Peete (US) bt T Nakajima (Jap) 1 hole.



The oohs and ahs and what-might-have beens: Palmer goes through the card of emotions as victory looks the other way. (Photographs: Ian Stewart)

Ballesteros escapes death sentence

By Peter Ryde

Even without the nostalgia and the sensation the match between Palmer and Ballesteros was one to savour, they were round in 69 and 70 respectively, Palmer taking three to his opponent's five at the seventh, and had two pars before the Spaniard won with a birdie at the third extra hole, the 17th.

Palmer, now 54, seems to drive better *the older he gets; at this rate* he should be *the greatest driver in* the world by the time he is 70. It was the springboard that ensured his being never behind for 20 holes. His only bad drive was at the 17th: it lacked the punch of his others as it was pushed away from danger. Up to that point he had placed the ball perfectly off the tee and more than matched the Spaniard's length.

Ballesteros twice fell behind: the first time at the second where he over-clubbed and again, after squaring the fourth with a birdie, at the ninth where Palmer, not for the last time, got down in two from sand.

Palmer made it two up at the 12th where he holed from 15ft after being bunkered, the kind of putt he holed by the mile in his heyday. Now it was *a match, well balanced,* though as Palmer missed from 10ft for the hole at the 13th, his wife, Winnie, with him here now as she had been 20 years ago, remarked with more wisdom than she knew: "A long way still to go."

Two up now with four to play. Halves at the 15th and 16th. Ballesteros looking more than ever under sentence of death as he missed chances from seven feet and 10 feet to reduce the gap.

At the 17th he took advantage of Palmer's visit to the car park: even so after a poor drive and desperate second at the 18th what chance had he with Palmer just through the back in two, needing only a half? But because he is Ballesteros he holed out from 45 yards with an eight *iron* from the light rough, reading the swing on the green just *right and letting go his first smile* since the first tee.

Of that shot Palmer said: "Twenty years ago I used to do that kind of thing: when I did I used to think it was a good shot, not a lucky one. I think the same today."

The rest was anti-climax, Ballesteros finding the 17th green with a three iron to win.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	471	4	10	186	3
2	155	3	11	376	4
3	452	4	12	433	4
4	501	5	13	441	4
5	191	3	14	179	3
6	344	4	15	466	4
7	399	4	16	380	4
8	398	4	17	571	5
9	450	4	18	502	5
Out	3,361	35	In	3,584	37

Today's play

Second round, over 36 holes
9.15 am and 1.15 pm: S Ballesteros (Sp) v B Langer (WG).
9.30 and 1.30: G Norman (Aus) v C Peete (US).
9.45 and 1.45: B Rogers (US) v B Charles (NZ).
10.00 and 2.00: H Irwin (US) v N Faldo (GB).

As time stands still, the tide of youth sweeps in from Spain

By David Miller

The shortish man in blue sweater and grey slacks with now slightly rounding shoulders caused traffic jams in much of West Surrey yesterday morning. The rush was worth it.

Arnold Palmer, who from 1954 to 1970 or so did as much for professional golf, not to *mention for himself, as Sinatra* did for pupular music, was sharing the stage on level terms with Sevvy Ballesteros. – an event without parallel in any sport but snooker given the age difference.

The fascination of matchplay is that day by day even magical players must occasionally lose. That Palmer, the man who used to fly the world wide circus in his own plane and exchanged confidences on the green with Ike, was now the loser of a remarkable match was sad only because of the nearness of his victory. That, as he said afterwards, is the greatness of the game; a crowd of thousands will agree.

People who wish to play tennis exclusively on synthetic surfaces or soccer on some plastic flannel should have been at Wentworth. Amid the beauty of an English autumn two incomparable golfers conspired with nature to give us 21 holes *which made time stand still.*

On the first nine Palmer was one up, one down, and then ahead again as Ballesteros, benignly conceding to his opponent the occasional nominal short putt, privately fought off a bad cold. On the 11th tee Palmer quietly picked out the grass from his studs. He knew he could win.

At the distant, almost deserted 12th he went two up as he holed from 16 feet and Ballesteros missed from five. Round the corner they approached the 13th, and suddenly there was the crowd, a middle aged army of thousands plus those less old, drawn by the legendary figure with the grey quiff and lined face striding down the fairway with what used to be called "the charge".

On the saucer shaped green surrounded by fir and birch Ballesteros reflectively blew his nose. The morning sun caught Palmer's forehead as he crouched for a 12 foot putt: all you could hear was the wind in the birch leaves while nobody breathed. The ball stopped an inch from the lip. How could he have lost from three up?

At the 16th he smiled as he came to the tee, halved the hole, and now stood still two up on the 17th by the 12ft trimmed hedge of a private garden. Yet *what sounded suspiciously like* an oath pursued his drive almost into a car park: one up.

With Ballesteros twice in rough, though each time with a good lie, there was justification in Palmer's whimsical smile as he approached the huge gallery at the final green. How could he know Ballesteros would sink his incredible chip from some 45 *yards?* As Ballesteros would say: "It was unbelievable the way I won, the way I was feeling, the way he was playing. Sure, I knew I could lose."

The players were whisked away from the huge crowd back to the 15th – for TV it was said – and there we were, some 15 people at the tee, perhaps 200 round *the green. Now it was* Ballesteros out front in the walk down the fairway. Palmer's chance had gone.

He waited, frowning, for a jet to pass before putting and they halved this and the next. At the 17th some jester shouted "Mind the car park". Palmer either did not hear, or froze the remark out of mind. But when Ballesteros putted from 40 feet and left the ball on the lip, Palmer gave the long slow nod

"Perhaps that's the way its supposed to be," he reflected afterwards, not really believing it, but accepting the tide of youth. We probably may not see him back again but we shall remember yesterday.

Miss Glass looks back on fine 70

By Lewine Mair

Though everyone suspected that scores might soar in the seaside wind, no less than seven players broke the par of 74 on the first day of the 54-hole WPGA event at Caldy yesterday.

Elizabeth Glass, who comes from Zimbabwe and can be seen putting right-handed one minute and left-handed the next, pulled up with a 70. Michelle Walker, the former English and British women's champion, returned a 71, and Susan Moon and Christine Sharp were each responsible for a 72.

Miss Glass, whose father played golf for Rhodesia, was involved in college golf in the United States before joining the WPGA circuit in June. She has already notched a second place finish on the tour, but reckoned that the 14 pars and four birdies she had yesterday added up to her most satisfying round to date.

Miss Walker put in a lot of good work on and around the greens, but what made her 71 was an eagle at the 386 yards 16th, where she caught the green with a four-iron and holed from 18ft.

Mrs Sharp's 72 had a much happier ending than Miss Moon's. Where the Essex girl holed from 12ft to close with a birdie, the Canadian missed a little putt on each of the last two greens.

SCORES: 70: E Glass (Zim). 71. M Walker. 72: S Moon (US), C Sharp. 73: M Marshall (US), T Fernandy (Sri Lanka), K Bauer (US). 74: B Cooper, S Latham, C Langford. 75: C Flom (US), J Smith. 76: M Thomson, M Burton. 77: B *Huke, J Smurthwaite, B Lewis, K Monaghan* (US). 78: D Dowling, D Reid, V Marvin.

EQUESTRIANISM

Broome's monkey clambers up to the top of the tree

By Jenny MacArthur

Queensway Royale, describing by his rider, David Broome as "one of the most genuine horses I've ridden", gave Broome his first win of the week at the Horse of the Year Show yesterday, when he earned first place in the *Sunday Telegraph* Cup.

Their time of 35.03sec in the 11-horses jump-off was more than a second faster than Robert Smith on Shining Example, who finished second. Michael Whitaker found his form with his Nation's Cup partner, Amanda, to take third place.

The Irish-bred Queensway Royale, aged nine, has been Broome's mainstay in what has been a comparatively lean year for him. His best horse, Last Resort, went lame in July and missed the European Championships a Hickstead, for which he had been specially prepared – "it was one of the most disappointing moments of my life," Broome said yesterday.

He than had to fall back on the big-hearted Mr Ross for the championships, and the horse put up a superb performance but finished lame. The onus fell on Queensway Royale, "whose got more ability than the little monkey wants to show" comments his rider. But the horse showed what he was made of by finishing runner-up in the Dublin grand prix in August, and *yesterday's win in* a hotly-contested class confirmed the horse's status.

Nina Emery from Staffordshire, aged 15, won yesterday's *Daily Mail* Christy Beaufort Junior Showjumper of the Year championship, riding Double L, whom she bought for £1,200 as a three-year-old from Thomas Shaw. Miss Emery, who has produced and trained the pony herself, yesterday relegated Jonathan Cave on Sunday Morn to second place and Robert Shields on Star Speck to third.

Wednesday night's Modern Alarms Cup brought Malcolm Pyrah his second win of the week on Mrs A Conway's outstanding speed horse, Sea Pearl. The pair were three seconds faster than Michael Ruping of West Germany on Silbersee, who came second. Fastest of all was Derek Ricketts, on Rodney Ward's *17-year-old,* Hydrophane *Cold* stream, but one fence down added a six second penalty to their final time which left them in third place.

Tub Ivens from Buckinghamshire and Geoffrey Hansen from New Zealand awarded the Lightweight hunter cup to Mr and Mrs Andy Croft's Periglen, ridden by Mrs Croft. The six-year-old Periglen, a son of The Ditton, will now meet *the South Essex Insurance Brokers'* Elite, the winner of yesterday's middleweight class, in the hunter championships. Elite has won 15 championships this season

RESULTS (GB unless stated). Sunday Telegraph Cup: 1, Queensway Royale (D Broome) 0 in 35.03sec; 2, Shiny Example (R Smith) 0 in 36.07; 3, Amanda (M Whitaker) 0 in 36.26. Daily Mail Christy Beaufort Junior Showjumper of the Year: 1, Double L (N Emery) 0 in 41.21sec; 2, Sunday Morn (J Cave) 4 in 33.70; 3, Star Speck (R Shield) 4 in 36.47. Modern Alarms Cup: 1, Sea Pearl (M Pyrah) 46.92; 2, Silbersee (M Ruping, WG) 49.46; 3, Hydrophane Coldstream (D Ricketts) 50.69. Waterford Crystal Show Hunter of the Year: Lightweight: 1, Mr and Mrs J A Croft's Periglen; 2, Mr and Mrs Andrew McCowan's Three Wishes; 3, Col and Mrs G L Wathen's Mill Fortune. Middleweight: 1, The South Essex Insurance Brokers Ltd's Elite; 2, Mr and Mrs C R Sandison's Glenstal; Mrs E Smith's Burowen.

SNOOKER

Pots and plans go well for Charlton

By Sydney Friskin

Eddie Charlton, of Australia, who led 4-0 at the interval, beat Willie Thorne 5-0 yesterday to qualify for the semi-final round of the international tournament sponsored by Jameson Whiskey at Newcastle. The match was over in three hours, Thorne conceding the fifth frame and the match with four reds left.

Thorne was the same player who *had beaten Ray Reardon 5-0 in the* second round. Charlton held the reins all the way, although the match at no time resembled a race. But Charlton potted superbly and his plans worked well; not so for Thorne, whose potting ability was much below par.

The whole match seemed to have hinged on the prolonged second frame, which Thorne had every *chance of winning. It was full of bad* mistakes by both players. A total of 125 was scored, 49 on foul strokes, the highest break being nine.

Charlton led 61-43 in this frame with four balls left. The Australian played a risky shot on the brown and left it on for Thorne, who took it and followed up with the blue, but failed on the pink. Charlton, who was later snookered on this ball, *played it well off the bottom* cushion, potted it, but the cue ball followed through into the same pocket. Even then, Thorne could not pot the pink and it was eventually taken by Charlton, who won the frame.

A sterling match is in prospect today when Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, meets Terry Griffiths in the first of the two semi-finals over 17 frames. Looking back on his match against Doug Mountjoy, whom he defeated 5-2 on Wednesday night, Thorburn said he was not happy with his own play. "However, it is nice to be still there. I always play very well against Terry. He is the type of player who makes you do well."

When Thorburn met Griffiths in the second round of the world championship at Sheffield last April, the match started on a Saturday afternoon, when Thorburn made a maximum break of 147. It ended at about 4 a.m. on Monday, Thorburn winning 13-12 after falling 9-12 behind. How long today's match will last is a matter for conjecture, but Dennis Taylor, well known for his ready wit, chipped in: "It could have a longer run than Coronation Street".

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND: C Thorburn (Can) beat D Mountjoy (Ebbw Vale), 5-2. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 23-88, 64-50, 77-0, 74-20, 65-12, 40-71, 57-42. E Charlton (Aus) beat W Thorne (Leicester) 5-0. Frame scores: 83-32, 67-58, 60-50, 69-30, 69-1.
WEDNESDAY'S RESULT: T Griffiths (Llanelli) beat J Spencer (Radcliffe) 5-4. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 71-16, 70-26, 21-65, 8-69, 16-91, 46-62, 93-24, 66-50, 65-10.



Charlton: in charge throughout his match with Thorne

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-off: Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Philadelphia Phillies 1 (level at 1-1 in best-of-five series)
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-off: Chicago White Sox 2, Baltimore Orioles 1 White Sox lead 1-0 in best-of-five series)

TENNIS

BRISBANE: second round: (US) unless stated): B Gilbert bt C Lewis (NZ), 6-3, 6-3; J Alexander (Aus) bt S Meister, 6-2, 6-2; M Mitchell bt R Barlow (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; P McNamee (Aus) bt F Gonzalez (Par), 6-3, 6-2.
BARCELONA: Grand prix: Second round: Spanish unless stated: J B Avendano bt F Luna, 6-2, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt R Stadler (Swtz) 7-5, 6-1; S Simonsson (Swe) bt M [illegible] 6-2, 7-5; A Gomez (Ec) bt H Solomon (US) 1-6, 6-4; M Wilander bt J Gulein (US) 6-2, 6-4; P Arraya (Peru) bt H Schwaier (Austria), 6-2, 6-4; R Viccaino bt J Velasco (Col), 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; J Higueras bt D Keretic (WG), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; G Vilas (Arg) bt M Myburg (US), 6-2, 6-1; C Panatta (It) bt J Aguilera, 7-7, 6-1.

MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO: San Remo Rally (after 46 special stages): 1, M Alen (Fin), Lancia, 6hrs 4mins [illegible]; 2, S Blomqvist (Swe), Audi, 6:06:33; 3, W Roehrl (WG), Lancia, 6:07:08; 4, H Toivonen (Fin), Opel, 6 03:00; 5, A Bettega (It), Lancia, 6:10:15

GOLF

SCHOOLS COMPETITION: Qualifying round: Sandwich: 1, Chatham House School, Ramsgate, 245; 2, King's School, Canterbury, 252; 3, Borden Grammar School, Sittingbourne, 262; Best individual: S Hodgson (King's), 77. At Alloa: 1, Lornshill Academy, Livingstone, 238; 2, Larbert High School, 244; 3 equal, Dunblane High School and Roxburgh Academy, 255. Best individual: R Smith (Larbert), 74. At Hamilton: 1, Calderhead High School, 234; 2, Coatbridge High School, 246; 3 equal, Glasgow Academy and St Margaret's High School, Airdrie, 247. Best individual: King (Calderhead), 73.
At Whitburn: 1, Bedlington High School, 239; 2, Tynemouth College, North Shields, 240; 3, King's College, Tynemouth, 245. Best individual: D Pearson (Bedlington), 72.
At Headingley: 1, Harrogate Granby High School, 239; 2, Harrogate Grammar School, 245; 3, Bab Wood Grammmar School, Bindley, 247. Best individual: R Farnsworth (Salt Grammar School, Shipley), 79.

CYCLING

SYDNEY: Sydney-Brisbane Classic: Stage 10 (50 kms): 1, A Paulin (US); 2, M Lynch (Aus). Stage 11 (91 kms): 1, A Mastrutto (Fr); 2, D McFarlane (Aus). Stage 12 (49 kms): 1, G Clarke (Aus); 2, G Discorio (It). Overall: 1, M Lynch 23.13 50; 2, B Watkins (US), 23:14.15. Teams: 1, Victoria, 46:24.23; 2, US, 46:27.01.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Newbury 17, Oxford University Greyhounds 9

FOOTBALL

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING: Netherlands 6, Romania 0 (in Utrecht).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 3, Leicester City 1.
FRIENDLY: Tung Sing 0, Rio de Janeiro 1 (in Hongkong).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Rangers 6, New Jersey Devils 2; Buffalo Sabres 5, Hartford Whalers 3; Chicago Black Hawks 4, St Louis Blues 3; Detroit Red Wings 6, Winnipeg Jets 6; Toronto Maple Leafs 3, Edmonton Oilers 4; Los Angeles Kings 3, Minnesota North Stars 3; Calgary Flames 5, Vancouver Canucks 3.

FOOTBALL: TRIBUTES FOR A MASTER, TRIBULATIONS FOR THE MANAGER

All panegyrics for Coppell

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Steve Coppell, at the age of 28, feels as though he is attending his own funeral so numerous have been the messages of sympathy since his playing career died prematurely last Saturday. Such is the size of his modesty that only he would be surprised by the scale of the tributes *that followed the news.*

Bobby Robson, who described him as "a player's player, a manager's player and the crowd's player," once paid him the highest compliment by admitting that Coppell was the first name he wrote down on his England team sheet. Because of the injury to Coppell's left knee, he was able to pick him only twice.

***Coppell, embracing the old* Corinthian spirit, first set his sights no higher than playing as an amateur in the League. He ended up by going *"to the biggest and the best" and the day he introduced* himself to the crowd at Manchester United, as a substitute, in 1975, holds a special place in his *memories. He adds with relish: "We* beat Carlisle United 4-0."**



Coppell: Corithian spirit

He won an FA Cup winner's medal, 42 England caps and appeared in the World Cup finals but the honour he most sought was the Championship. "That's the problem," he said. "I don't want to ruin their chances but United must be in with a great shout this year."

Yet if Coppell had performed for another four or five seasons and achieved such an aim, he "may have lost my thirst for the sport". He intends now to stay in it.

As the new chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, he is far from idle. He awaits other opportunities. His hope, meanwhile, is that people concentrate on the game's beneficial *aspects, "to look at it, to enjoy it and* to respect it." There could be no more fitting epitaph on the headstone of his career.

Robson frets as England run out of right backs

England will be forced to use John Gregory of Queen's Park Rangers or Gary Mabbutt of Tottenham as an emergency right-back in Wednesday's crucial European Championship match against Hungary in Budapest.

Manager Bobby Robson's other options were curtailed yesterday *when injuries forced Duxbury of* Manchester United, to withdraw from the squad, and prevented Nottingham Forest's Anderson or Thomas of Spurs from being called up as a replacement.

"Mabbutt did a good emergency job for me there when Anderson was injured for the West Germany match, and Gregory is an all-round player who looks sound at right *back." said Robson.*

Despite managing to get Saturday's First Divison programme postponed to give him a clear build-up, Robson has once more been left with seriously depleted resources

Nigel Spink, of Aston Villa, has had to be called in to replace goalkeeper Ray Clemence, of Tottenham. Woodcock, of Arsenal, is out with a hamstring injury and Francis will also be unavailable after dislocating his shoulder while *playing for Sampdoria.*

Graeme Souness, who aggravated a heel injury during Liverpool's 4-1 Milk Cup win at Brentford, is doubtful for Scotland's European Championship game against Belgium next week, and damaged knee ligaments have forced Jeremy Charles of Swansea, out of Wales' friendly match against Romania at Wrexham on October 12.

● *West Bromwich Albion* have allowed their reserve goalkeeper, Tony Godden to move to Walsall on a month's loan.

The old firm are back in business

By Paul Newman

Vic Halom and Micky Horswill, who played in Sunderland's 1973 FA Cup winning team, are back together again. Horswill, who after leaving Sunderland played for Manchester City, Playmouth Argyle and Hull City, returned to England in the summer after a period in Hongkong and has agreed to play on non-contract terms for Barrow, who *are managed by Halom.*

Barrow, relegated from the Alliance Premier League at the end of last season, have made an excellent start ot their first year back in the Northern Premier League and are unbeaten after 12 games. They are regularly attracting attendances of more than 1,000 and are second in the table behind Burton Albion.

Stafford Rangers, who were relegated with Barrow to the Northern Premier League at the end of last season, have given Ron Reid, their new manager, a good start. In their first two games under Reid, Stafford have drawn at Workington and won away to Rhyl. Under Reid's predecessor, Colin Clarke, who was at Stafford for only eight months, the side won just one out of *19 league matches.*

● *Dave Elliott, the Bangor City* manager, can hardly be criticized for not giving his players a chance to prove themselves. In their first 10 matches this season Bangor used 25 players, although it has hardly done the Welsh club much good: having lost seven of their first nine league matches they are second to bottom of the Alliance Premier League.

● Evenwood, who are struggling at the foot of the Northern League first division, have parted company with their manager, Paul Dalton.

● Billy Elliott, the Yeovil Town defender, is following in the footsteps of one of his predecessors at the Somerset club – his father, also Billy. Elliott senior captained Yeovil 25 years ago and when Gary Borthwick, the Alliance Premier League club's present captain, was injured recenly, Elliott junior led out the side.

The job did not remain his for long however: injury kept Elliott out of the next match and the captaincy was handed to Richie Horton, who is believed to be the first Yeovil-born player to have led the side for *50 years.*

● *The FA Cup is living up to its* reputation for surprises. Six Alliance Premier League clubs – Bath City, Gateshead, Kidderminster Harriers, Nuneaton Borough, Runcorn and Trowbridge Town – have already been knocked out in the first two qualifying rounds, all by teams from lower leagues.

Wealdstone and Frickley Athletic needed replays to progress from the second qualifying round and Bangor City are the only other Alliance club through to the third qualifying round of the first round proper. Other clubs to have fallen by the wayside already include Worthing and King's Lynn, leaders of the Isthmian and Southern leagues respectively.

● Beau Reynolds, the former chairman of Wimbledon, is set to become chairman of Leatherhead, who are in serious financial trouble. Relegated last season from the premier to the first division, Leatherhead owe £5,500 to the Inland Revenue and £20,000 to their bank. The rent and rates for their council-owned ground have increased by 150 per cent to £2,000

Wednesday's results

MILK CUP: Second round, first leg: Brentford 1, Liverpool 4; Derby 0, Birmingham 3; Doncaster 1, Fulham 3; Ipswich 4, Blackburn 3; Leeds 0, Chester 1; Leicester 0, Chelsea 2; Newcastle 1, Oxford United 1; Stoke 0, Peterborough United 0; Torquay 0, Manchester City 0; Tottenham Hotspur 3, Lincoln City 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Section one: Dundee U 4, Motherwell 2; Morton 2, Alloa 4. Section two: Heart of Midlothian 1, Clydebank 1; Rangers 5, St Mirren 0. Section three: Aberdeen 0, Dundee 0. Section four: Celtic 1, Kilmarnock 1; Hibernian 0, Airdrieonians 0.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Six: West Germany 3, Austria 0.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Italy 3, Greece 0. France 1, Spain 1.

UEFA UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: England 3, Scotland 1 (England qualify for finals).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion 4, Buxton 1; Southport 3, Oswestry 3; Workington 0, Macclesfield 3; Worksop 1, Matlock 3.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 2, Leeds 0; Burnley 0, Sunderland 2. Second division: Huddersfield Town 0, Port Vale 1; Notts County 1, Grimsby 0; Wigan 3, Preston North End 1; Bradford City 1, Chesterfield 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Norwich City 2, Chelsea 0; Oxford United 2, Watford 1; Tottenham Hotspur 5, Swansea City 1; Queen's Park Rangers 0, Arsenal 3.

IRISH LEAGUE: Gold Cup, semi-final: Coleraine 0, Linfield 3.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Edgware 0, Haringey Boro 0; Wolverton 4, Thatcham 0.

MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Southend United 2, Cambridge United 2.

FA CUP: Second qualifying round replays: Chesham 3, Wembley 2 (aet); VS Rugby 2, Heybridge Swifts 0; Gosport Boro 4, Sholing 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: France 2, Luxembourg 0.

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Spain 2, Italy 2.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Folkestone 3, Welling 3 (aet; Welling won 5-6 on penalties); Shepshed Charterhouse 0, Bromsgrove 2.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Qualifying matches: Soviet Union 3, Greece 1; West Germany 3, Portugal 0; East Germany 1, Finland 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Bradford C 1, Chesterfield 1.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Headingley 16, Canada 9.
CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 40, St Mary's Hospital 3; Cardiff 9, Bridgend 7; Gloucester 12, Pontypool 23; Nuneaton 23, Burton 9; Newbridge 19, Bristol 4.
SEVENS: NatWest Cup Final: London Oratory School 10, St Joseph's, Ipswich 4. Barry Boyden Shield, Final: Tiffin School 24, Wallington School 8.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Allhallows 6, Taunton 10; Ampleforth 12, Durham 3; Austin Friars 32, Queen Elizabeth GS, Penrith 0; Barnard Castle 6, Newcastle RGS 7; Churcher's 28, HMS Collingwood 3; Douai 18, Leighton Park 0; Exeter School 0, Exeter College 20; Falmouth 21, Newquay 6; Grenville 34, Ilfracombe 3; KCS, Wimbledon 4, Trinity, Croydon 30; Kelly 10, Devonport HS 22; King's Taunton 18, Queen's, Taunton 7; Lord Wandsworth 21, Shiplake 9; Manchester GS 0, West Park GS 38; Nottingham HS 15, Solihull 6; Oundle 3, Bedford Modern 3; Ruttish 6, City of London Freemen's 14; Ryde (IOW) 27, Sandown HS (IOW) 0; St Columba's, St Albans 18, Rickmansworth 4; Seaford 12, King Edward VI, Southampton 38; Truro 22, Cornwall College 19; Welbeck 8, Ratcliffe 3.

IN BRIEF

Defenceless Feeney

George Feeney, the British lightweight champion, is ill, and his title defence against Tony Willis, scheduled for the Aston Villa Leisure Centre on October 20, has been cancelled. The promoter, Frank Warren has postponed the bout for at least two weeks, and will announce a new date on Monday. Tickets for the contest will be valid for the later date.

CRICKET: A suspension on the former England all-rounder, Peter Willey has been postponed and could be dropped, the South African Cricket Union announced yesterday. Willey, who plays for Eastern Province in South Africa, was banned until January 1 and fined 1,000 rand (about £600) in June after a dressing-room argument.

SQUASH RACKETS: The presence of South African players in the world women's squash championships, to be held in Perth later this month, has led to the withdrawal of Zimbabwe. Canada, Sweden and Nigeria are also considering a boycott.

MOTOR RALLYING: Markku Alen, of Finland, driving a Lancia, extended his lead in the San Remo motor rally early yesterday. After a gruelling drive from Pisa, he held a lead of 2min 27sec over last year's winner, Stig Blomquist, of Sweden, in an Audi, after starting the day 1min 40sec ahead.

CYCLING: A mistake by the American team captain, Bill Watkins in the first of yesterday's three stages caused him to relinquish his overall lead in the Communwealth Bank Cycle Classic in Sydney.

BOXING

Watanabe keeps title

Osaka, Japan (Reuter) – Jiro Watanabe, of Japan, retained his *World Boxing Association junior* bantamweight crown here yesterday after leading South Korea's Kwon Soon-Chun on points when the bout was stopped at the end of the 11th round.

The scheduled 15-round bout was brought to a premature end after Watanabe sustained a bad cut over his left eye, following a butt. Under WBA rules, whoever is leading on points when a fight is stopped for this reason is declared the winner.

Kwon, 24, came forward from the first bell determined to end Watanabe's reign as champion. But the experienced Japanese, making his fifth title defence, scored heavily with counter pouches to win easily on all three official cards.

The *American referee Vincent* Rainone penalised the South Korean four points during the bout – one for kidney punches in the sixth round, one for butting in the 10th, and two for foul blows in the 11th – and had the champion 106–99 points ahead when the fight was stopped.

The Panamanian judges Marco *Torres and Dedaldo Villalobos had* Watanabe leading 108-99 and 109-102 respectively.

"I don't think I lost the fight," Kwon said. "Watanabe should have continued the fight despite the cut. I believe I can beat him if we fight again."

Japan Boxing Commission doctor, Hiroshi Suzuki, said Watanabe would need two to three weeks treatment for the cut

A SPORTING DECISION THAT WILL BENEFIT RACING

Sun Princess to run again next season

By Michael Seely

Sun Princess is to remain in training next season and will have the Coronation Cup, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe as her main objectives. Dick Hern, her trainer, said at York yesterday: "Simon Weinstock may have been misquoted at Longchamp. This news is very good for racing. People want to see the stars in action."

Major Hern is right. Sun Princess's heroic fight against All Along in the Arc was one of the most exciting features of an enthralling race. This great trainer has surpassed himself in his handling of the Oaks and St Leger winner, who was still fit and fresh enough to give the best performance of her career against last Sunday's international field.

Sun Princess is owned in partnership by Sir Michael Sobell and his son-in-law, Lord Weinstock, and was bred at their Ballymacoll Stud in Ireland. The filly's sporting owner-breeders must be congratulated on this decision.

Full credit must also go to Lord Weinstock's son, Simon, for his immediate post-race comment at Longchamp that Sun Princess's race in the St Leger had done her no harm at all. It took a man of judgment and courage to have recognized the truth so quickly after such a disappointing reverse.

The family have now come so close to winning the Arc on four occasions, with Homeric, Troy and Ela-Mana-Mou, as well as with Sun Princess. And it is good to hear that they will be attempting to make it fifth time lucky in 1984.

At York yesterday Topham's Taverns once again proved the value of the theory of following horses in form at this time of the year when winning the Little-Do Handicap. And at Ascot today both Alnood and Deutschmark also look to have good chances of defying penalties for recent victories. Alnood runs in the Tankerville Nursery and Deutschmark in the Bustino Stakes.

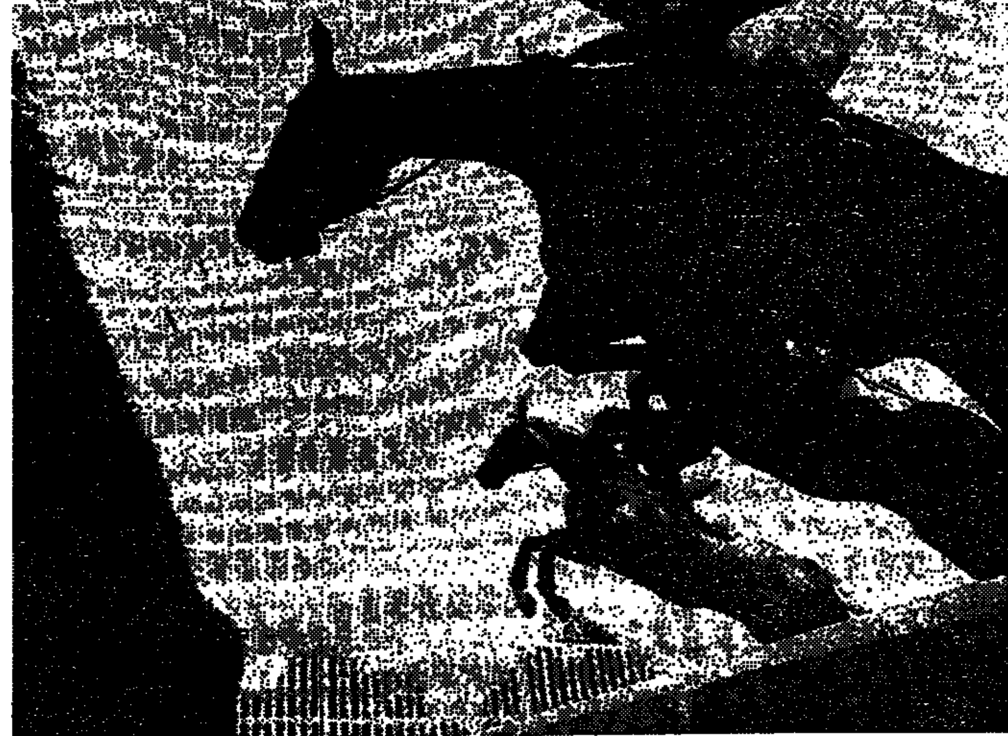
Alnood was a heavily backed favourite before winning the Buggins Farm Nursery, of Tulyar fame, at Haydock last Saturday. Previously Sheikh Mohammed's Habitat colt had shown immense promise for the future when running Gold and Ivory to two lengths at Goodwood.

His conqueror certainly underlined the merit of that form when defeating Rousillon and Trojan Fen in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot. And Alnood was also impressive when winning by three lengths in a fast time on the Lancashire track.

Similarly, recent running suggests that Deutschmark will win the mile and a half handicap. Geoffrey Wragg's exasperating three-year-old has cost punters a small fortune this season, notably when heavily backed to win the Cecil Frail Handicap at Haydock in May. But Deutschmark came good in no uncertain fashion at Newmarket last week.

On Hongkong day at York the best bet should be Miami Prince in the Shatin Nursery Handicap. At Nottingham early last week Paul Cole's promoted selling plater had no difficulty in defying a 10lb penalty for an earlier success when beating 17 rivals by three lengths.

The finish of the Hongkong Marlboro Cup may be fought out between Major Don and Lion City. At the Ascot September meeting Lion City excelled himself when sprinting home three lengths ahead of Worlingworth. Two afternoons later that tough and consistent Yorkshire-trained handicapper, Major Don had also shown himself to be on the upgrade when running Never So Bold to a length and a half



The airborne division taking off at Cheltenham yesterday

Francome arrives on time

By John Karter

Million dollar yearlings and the hard commercialism of the Flat seemed light years away at Cheltenham yesterday, as John Francome and Co worked their particular brand of magic against the marvellously picturesque backdrop of the Cotswolds. National Hunt racing may be the poor relation of the Flat in fiscal terms, and as such is buried away by the media while the other business runs its course, but in terms of pure sporting pleasure there was no doubt where the riches lay.

Watching Francome produce a performance of typical brilliance on the former tearaway Gringo in the opening Gotherington Novices Hurdle was surely worth the entrance money to the Gloucestershire course in itself. When Gringo, who once had the distinction of finishing third in the Hungarian 2000 Guineas, won at Ludlow last week, he went off like a bolt from the blue, and burnt his rivals out.

To stop Gringo doing the same himself in future, Nicky Henderson, the trainer, fitted the gelding with a cross noseband and also tied down his tongue yesterday. It worked a treat, and Francome rode him with such sympathy and judgment that Gringo could hardly have known he had had a race. Francome allowed Gringo to trail well behind early on, brought him with a perfectly timed run on the outside to hit the front at the last hurdle and then allowed the horse to coast home in front of his frenetically driven rivals.

If Gringo's win was easy, then that of Kalamont in the second division of the Gotherington was simplicity itself. Having his first race over jumps, Josh Gifford's 19,000 guinea purchase was never far behind the leaders and when Richard Rowe asked him to go and win his race, the response must have even amazed him. Kalamont went past the rest like a greyhound past an ageing St Bernard, and Rowe had so much in hand on the run-in that he almost fell off looking round at his rivals.

Both Rowe and Gifford rate Kalamont very highly indeed. He will be kept to small races for the time being to gain experience, but will definitely be back at Cheltenham for one of the rich prizes at the Festival meeting in March.

John O'Neill, who is doing a "Kalamont" on his fellow jockeys, at the head of the riders' table at present, survived a heavy fall from Father Delaney in the Cirencester Handicap Steeplechase with little more than a shaking. However, he had earlier been in danger of suffering a far greater blow – to his pride – when almost throwing away the Studd Challenge Cup on Pounentes. The six-year old had gone clear of his rivals on the run-in, but O'Neill failed to notice the furious finish of Restless Shot and eased his mount almost to a walk.

Pounentes just held on (many thought that it was much closer than the half a length verdict suggested), but if the winning post had been a few yards further on, O'Neill would have had a lot of explaining to do to Bill McGhie, a Scottish permit-holder who had sent the horse on a 500 miles plus round trip from Lochmaben near Dumfries Scotland.

Rusticaro offspring again in demand

From Simon O'Loughlin Kill, co Kildare

The offspring of Rusticaro are proving all the rage at Goffs Irish National Yearling Sales this week. After a son of the young Caro stallion had made top price on 190,000 Irish guineas (about £164,000) the previous day, the British Bloodstock Agency (Ireland) went to 160,000 Irish guineas (£138,000) yesterday to secure one of his daughters.

This attractive bay half-sister to Quilted, winner in 1983 of the Group 2 Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket, was sent up by Raffin Stud Farm in co Meath where Rusticaro himself stands. She was purchased on behalf of a syndicate which has horses in training with the Tipperary trainer Eddie O'Grady.

Rusticaro, who won four Group 3 races in France and was runner-up in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, has sired this year from his first crop Jeremy Tree's useful juvenile filly Rusticello, winner of the Virginia Water Stakes at Ascot.

His second crop includes some really handsome individuals and the first of his yearlings through the ring this week have averaged 71,630 Irish guineas (£62,000).

The agent George Blackwell went to six figures twice to acquire well-bred fillies by Persian Bold and Hello Gorgeous. He paid 140,000 Irish guineas (£121,000) for Ballyhea Stud's bay Persian Bold filly out of a winning half sister to the Irish 2,000 guineas victor Pampapaul, and he laid out a further 120,000 Irish guineas (£103,000) for a granddaughter of Lacyrowe from the first crop of Hello Gorgeous.

The filly, who is destined for the Lodge Park Stud by Paddy Burns, vendor of the record-breaking 1,550,000 guineas Hello Gorgeous colt at Newmarket last week. Yesterday's sale of a filly by the same sire represents a handsome profit for Burns, who bought her for 80,000 guineas as a foal from Robert Sangster.

Ballysheehan and Mellon Studs took their earnings for the week past the million mark when selling a Northfields colt for 100,000 Irish guineas (£86,000) and minutes later they received a further 100,000 Irish guineas from Lord Harrington for their Busting colt out of Ouita II.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Faires resigns as Invicta chairman

By Keith Macklin

Paul Faires, the co-founder of Kent Invicta, has resigned as chairman in order to allow the club's board to be "restructured". He will, however, remain as a director.

Faires said yesterday: "People can read into this what they like. What I can say is that the only way Kent Invicta will fold is if the Rugby League folds."

Jim Thompson, chairman of Maidstone United FC, on whose ground Invicta play, and a director of the rugby club, said: "We are now in the process of restructuring the board in order to strengthen our position and ensure the future of Rugby League in the area." Invicta are obviously hoping that the infusion of new strength at boardroom level will provide new capital.

The Under-24 fixtures between Great Britain and France have been switched. Great Britain will now visit France on November 13, and will receive France on December 4.

The Leeds coach, Robin Dewhurst, has resigned following Sunday's 54-4 thrashing at Castleford. Dewhurst has had a turbulent time at Headingley recently, with his team alternating between exciting victories and dismal defeats. Until a new coach is appointed the captain, David Ward, and the long-serving wing three-quarter Alan Smith will take charge.

Yet another new sponsorship was announced by the League yesterday. The Warrington brewers, Greenall Whitley, have taken over the prestigious Man Of Steel Awards, formerly sponsored by a steel manufacturing and distribution company. The brewery will present £5,000 in prizes to the first division, second division, young player, coach and referee of the year, and the first presentation will be at Warrington next May.

Bramley, the second division club threatened with closure because of mounting debts, are to fulfil their fixture at Carlisle on Sunday

Their officials have arranged a meeting with Leeds City Council next week when they hope to sell their ground to the local authority and remain as tenants.

Andrew Kelly, the most expensive forward in Rugby League history, has been transfer-listed at his own request by Hull Kingston Rovers.

CRICKET

India pull back from the edge

Nagpur (Reuter) – Rain, which bedevilled the first two Test matches between India and Pakistan, again threatens a result in the third and final Test. Most of the final session yesterday was washed out, and at the close of the second day, neither side held a clear advantage. Pakistan were nine for no wicket in reply to India's first innings total of 235.

Resuming this morning at 92 for two, India had a traumatic opening half hour during which they lost three wickets, including Gavaskar, for 11. The innings was held together by a solid sixth wicket stand of 68 between Kapil Dev and Ravi Shastri.

Shastri went on to score 52, sharing a bright 37 run wicket partnership with Kirmani. Pakistan's best bowler was the left arm seamer, Azim Hafeez, who took four for 58 and could become a regular new ball bowler for his country.

Hafeez has not played Test cricket before this tour, and has improved with everh match. His control troubled every Indian batsman, including Gavaskar, who was out for 50, still one century short of Bradman's record of 29 Test hundreds.

The Pakistan openers, Shoaib Mohammed and Mohsin Khan faced six overs of hostile and accurate bowling by Kapil Dev and Madan Lal before rain drove the players to the pavilion.

INDIA: First Innings

S M Gavaskar c Mudassar B Hafeez	50
A D Gaekwad c Wasim Bari b Naqqash	6
D B Vengsarkar c Wasim Bari b Malik	21
Yashpal Sharma l-b-w b Nazir	13
S M Patil c Wasim Raja b Hafeezz	6
*Kapil Dev c Bari b Mudassar	32
R J Shastri c Mudassar b Hafeez	52
Kirti Azad c Moshin Khan b Hafeez	11
S Madan Lal c Malik b Nazir	5
†S M H Kirmani run out	30
R Bhat not out	0
Extras (b 9, l-b 6, n-b 3, w1)	19
Total	245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–27, 2–88, 3–96, 4–103, 5–103, 6–171, 7–190, 8–205, 9–242.

BOWLING: Hafeez 27–10–58–4, Naqqash 19.2–3–72–1, Mudassar 14–2–43–1, Malik 3–0–7–1, Nazir 22–5–502.

Imran Khan (above), the Pakistan all-rounder, is prepared to take a pay cut with Sussex rather than risk injury through playing too much cricket. Imran, who has not bowled at full speed for the last six months because of an injured left shin, has decided to play in only a handful of first-class games next season.

He said: "I would be happy to receive less money because of this decision, and Sussex see my point of view. It is ridiculous for fast bowlers in England to play in every game. That is the reason they break down so often. However, I will appear in limited-overs matches."

Imran sees a specialist today to discover whether he can bowl fast on Pakistan's tour of Australia this winter.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Moshin Khan not out	5
Shoaib Mohammed not out	4
Extras	0
Total (no wkt)	9

BOWLING: (to date): Kapil Dev 3–2–1–0, Madan Lal 3–1–3–0, Bhat 0.2–0–0–0.

Gomes outshines speed

Jaipur, India (Reuter) – The West Indian cricketers drew the opining match of their tour of India against Central Zone yesterday. The tourists made 104 for one in their second innings after deciding not to enforce the follow-on.

Haynes' batting and a fine spell of off-spon bowling by Gomes, who took four for 30, highlighted the final day. Haynes hit a six and seven fours in 67 not out and Gomes' 19 overs overshadowed those of pace specialists Holding, Daniel and Davis.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 373 (C H Lloyd 85, R A Harper 70; P Sharma 8 for 155).

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out	67
R Richardson st Ved Raj b Hans	32
H A Gomes not out	3
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 1)	2
Total (1 wkt)	104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–87.

BOWLING: Dutt 2–0–23–0; Mathur 8–0–24–0; Banerjee 8–0–35–0; Hans 4–0–7–1, Khandenar 2–0–13–0.

CENTRAL ZONE: First Innings

S Khandehar b Harper	17
S Rao b Harper	20
S Chaturvedi c Haynes b Davis	14
A Burroughs c Richrdson b Gomes	31
P Sharma st Dojon b Gomes	17
Gopal Sharma lbw b Holding	7
A Mathur c and b Gomes	0
Ved Raj c Dojon b Gomes	20
R S Hang st Dojon b Daniel	1
Vikram not out	37
P Banerjee b Holding	13
Extras (b 7, l-b 3, n-b 17)	27
Total	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–43, 2–50, 3–51, 4–118, 5–121, 6–127, 7–133, 8–150, 9–159, 10–204.

BOWLING: Holding 15-5-23-2; Davis 18-1-58-1; Harper 23-2-48-2; Daniel 13-1-36-1; Gomes 19-7-30-4.

In accordance with playing conditions for the test, bowlers' analyses include wides and no-balls.

SQUASH

Jahangir lives up to top seeding in world event

Auckland, (AFP) – The men's individual world squash championships advanced to the third round yesterday without any of the seeds being troubled.

The reigning champion Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, unbeaten in international competition, lived up to his top seeding by spending less than 40 minutes on court in his first two matches.

In the first round Khan needed only 18 minutes to eliminate Kuwaiti 19-year-old Ali Al Jazaf 9–3, 9–2, 9–3. In his second round encounter the Karachi teenager beat the New Zealander David Rowe with the loss of only six points.

Khan's countryman and second seed Qamar Zaman, the world number two, beat Bill Krahner

FIRST ROUND: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt Ali Al Jazaf (Kuw) 9-3, 9-2, 9-3; F Jonsson (Swe) bt P Rice (Wales) 9-8, 9-0, 9-1; Hiddy Jahan (Eng) bt Siuji Soleamoto (Jap) 3-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-2; C Jones (Wales) bt S Maniam (Mal) 9-2, 10-8, 9-5; M Mclean (Scot) bt V Chung (Hongkong) 9-0, 9-2, 9-2; S Bowditch (Aust) bt R Durey (NZ) 9-4, 6-9, 9-3, 9-4; J Hurst (Ire) bt L Peters (NZ) 9-3, 9-0, 9-2; P Kenyon (Eng) bt A Crawford (Aus) by default; S Cunningham (NZ) bt A Frame (Scot) 9-2, 2-9, 9-4, 7-9, 9-4; T Salisbury (Wales) bt D Scott (NZ) 9-3, 9-4, 9-5; P Fairlie (Scot) bt S Hughes (NZ) 9-3, 9-7, 9-3; W Hosey (Ire) bt Ho Kuk Sing (Hongkong) 9-4, 9-2, 9-1; Gotto (Ire) bt Hakan Bondeby (Sw) 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; I Robinson (Eng) bt D Gilbert (NZ) 9-0, 9-2, 9-2; J Young (Ire) bt J Sertmaa (Fin) 9-5, 9-5, 4-9, 9-5; G Wiliams (Eng) bt B Almstrom (Sw) 9-2, 9-3, 9-3; C Wilson (Scot) bt G Roper (Norfolk Is) 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; Qamdr Zaman (Pak) bt R Wyatt (NZ) 9-2, 9-1, 9-3.

SECOND ROUND: Jahangir Khan bt D Rowe (NZ) 9-2, 9-2, 9-0; Gogi Alaudon (Pak) bt M McLean 9-2, 9-0, 9-3; H Broun (NZ) bt C Jones 9-5, 9-0, 9-3; J Hurst bt I Lowe 9-2, 9-0, 9-2; Hiddy Jahan bt K Jernigan (US) 9-1, 9-3, 9-6; P Kenyon bt H El Attar (Kuw) 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; I Salisbury bt H Evans 10-9, 7-9, 9-0, 9-0; G Briars (Eng) bt R Purser (NZ) 9-2, 9-1, 9-4; P Viggers (NZ) bt P Fairlie (Scot) 9-4, 9-6, 9-0; R Hill (Aus) bt J Young 9-7, 9-2, 9-2; R Thorne (Aus) bt C Wilson 9-7, 9-4, 9-4; N Zahran (Egypt) bt D Gotto (Ire) 9-4, 9-3, 9-5; Qamar Zaman bt W Krahner (Zim) 9-3, 9-7, 9-0.

HOCKEY

Men try to give women winning edge

By Joyce Whitehead

The Great Britain women's team continue their training against men's sides this weekend at Cardiff. After their 2–1 victory over Disley men they face tougher opposition in two representative Welsh XIs at Sophia Gardens. Their coach, Anne Ellis, a former Wales captain, is hoping that the games will speed up and strengthen their stickwork, for in the international tournament in West Germany in April the British women face male-influened Dutch and German teams.

Northamptonshire are holding their preliminary trials at Breezehill School, Wellingborough, tomorrow, when 43 players try for 22 places. On Sunday Buckinghamshire hold a one-day trial and have 35 players for two teams. They will play for the first time at Woughton Park, near the Open University in Milton Keynes. Oxfordshire appear to have only 19 players and hold their trials at 10.0 on Sunday on Banbury Road Norht ground, Oxford.

Last weekend Pressed Steel were outstanding winners of the Oxfordshire clubs tournament which ended in pouring rain. The semi-finals and final of the Dorset Club tournament were washed out but they only wanted the top six teams to forward to a further tournament in March and these were: Wimborne, Poole, Weymouth, Wayfarers, Parkstone and Gillingham. Leicester Ladies came top of the Leicestershire clubs

ESSEX PARTY: W Thompson (Billericay), L Bolington (Chelmsford), P. Carter (Billericay), D Flanagan (Redbridge), C Frye (Chelmsford), J Goddard (Chelmsford), C Liddell (Southend), P Nackell (Bishop's Stortford), G Robson (Redbridge), P Spenceley (Chelmsford), E Summers (Old Southendians), C Whitmore (Billericay).

Ascot

Tote: Double 3.5, 4.10. Treble: 2.30, 3.4, 4.40.

Draw no advantage.

[Television: (BBC1) 2.30, 3.5 and 3.40 races]

2.0 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (£5,399: 2m) (10 runners)

102 040348 SPIN OF A COIN (C) (K Higson) A Moore 5-9-7 B Rouse 9
103 310120 FORTUNE'S GUEST (B) (J McCaughey) R Simpson 3-9-6 S Whitworth 7 7
104 101342 LUCKY IVOR (D) (J Christiams) R Hoad 4-9-5 J Mercer 8
105 0400-03 DONEGAL PRINCE (CD) (J McGonagle) P Kelleway 7-9-4 Gay Kelleway 5 6
106 04-0030 SUNLEY BUILDS (C) (Bernard Sunley) G H Hunter 5-9-3 P Cook 10
107 011300 DARK PROPOSAL (D) (Mrs J Phillips) B Hanbury 5-9-0 Pat Eddery 1
109 01-04 HANNAH LIGHTFOOT (D McIntyre) J Winter 4-8-10 W R Swinburn 4
110 000002 RED INJUN (B) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-8-7 G Starkey 2
111 222333 CAMACHO J Boswell) L Cottrell 8-8-5 N Carlisle 3 3
113 000330 DUKE OF DOLLIS (R Simpson) R Simpson 4-7-9 A Mackay 5

9-4 Fortune's Guest, 11-4 Donegal Prince, 4 Hannah Lightfoot, 6 Dark Proposal, 8 Red Injun, 10 Lucky Ivor, 12 Spin Of A Coin, 16 others.

2.30 DUKE OF EDINBURGH STAKES (2-y-o: £5,517: 6f) (7)

202 2 SPACED TO RUN (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 8-8 W R Swinburn 7
203 CAMDEN LOCK (Esal 'Commodities) G Lewis 8-6 G Sexton 5
204 CHAUMIERE (R Swift) R Williams 8-6 T Ives 6
205 ELECTRICAL WIND (M Fustok) M Albina 8-6 DOUBTFUL 4
206 HONOURS OF WAR (P Goulandris) D Laing 8-6 B Proctor 3
207 THERAPEUTIC (Baldals Bloodstock Investments) M Jarvis 8-6 Pat Eddery 1
210 STINGING NETTLE Miss V Harmon-Hodge) G Hunter 8-3 B Rouse 2

1-2 Spaced To Run, 4 Therapeutic, 6 Honours Of War, 8 Stinging Nettle, 16 others.

3.5 BUSTINO HANDICAP (£8,051: 1m 2f) (11)

301 12202 AIRFIELD (Beckhampton) J Tree 3-9-10 Pat Eddery 7
304 300212 SOLDIER ANT (CD) (A Richards) C Brittain 3-9-2 (7 ex) T Ives 8
306 133020 STEEL KID (D) (R Sangster) R Armstrong 4-8-13 W R Swinburn 6
307 111000 VEN MATRERO (D) (M Persticos) G Harwood 3-8-11 G Starkey 11
309 30-0100 EXPEDITIOUS (R Lewis) R Hannon 3-8-7 B Rouse 9
310 000030 ORATAVO (D) (A Gretton) J Sutcliffe 5-8-5 J Mercer 4
311 100041 DEUTSCHMARK (D) (R Bell) G Wragg 3-8-4 (5 ex) P Cook 1
312 033320 LADY JUSTICE (D) (D McIntyre) J Winter 5-8-0 W Newnes 5
313 3-00000 EVEN BAKER (D) (L Ward) D Sasse 4-7-13 D McKay 3
314 00-0000 ICEN (CD) (J Osbrey) M Smyly 5-7-11 M Thomas 10
315 430203 LADY ARPEGE (Mrs V Ward) W Musson 5-7-7 A Mackay 2

3 Deutschmark, 4 Airfield, 9-2 Soldier Ant. 7 Lady Justice, 8 Steel Kid, 10 Ven Matrero, Oratavo, 12 Lady Arpege, 20 others.

FORM: Airfield (8-9 2nd beaten 3l to Mauritzfontain (rec 7lb) with Oratavo (rec 9lb) 6th beaten 8l 9 ran. Newbury 1m 2f h'cap good Sep 17. Deutschmark (9-0) won 2½l from Soldier Ant (gave 12 lb) 8 ran. Newmarket 1m 2f h'cap good to firm Sep 28. Ven Matrero (9-2) 9th beaten over 10l to Free Press (rec 21 lb) 9 ran. Ascot 1m 4f h'cap good to firm Sep 24. Lady Arpege (7-7) 3rd beaten 3½l to Uplands Park (gave 12 lb) with Lady Justice (gave 11 lb) 7th beaten over 10l 10 ran. Ayr 1m 3f h'cap soft Sep 17. Oratavo (7-7) 10th beaten over 5l to Sagamore (gave 1lb) with Steel Kid (gave 7 lb) 12th 30 ran. Ascot 1m 1f h'cap good to firm Oct 1.
SELECTION: Oratavo.

3.40 MARLBOROUGH HOUSE STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £5,096: 1m) (7)

401 140230 GAYGO LADY (CD) (Sir E Harrison) B Hills 9-7 B Rouse 7
403 230010 JE T'AIME (R Swift) R Williams 8-11 W Newnes 1
404 020212 ONAIZAH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 8-11 P Cook 5
405 112240 REMEMBERING (D) (P de Bour) L Cumani 8-11 G Starkey 2
406 12-030 COMING AND GOING (D) (K Fitzpatrick) M Jarvis 8-8 Pat Eddery 3
407 00 FLOTANGO (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 8-1 – 6
408 000 MAYLANDS (Ward Hill Bookmakers) C Brittain 8-1 T Ives 4

7-4 Gaygo Lady, 3 Onaizah, 4 Coming And Going, 6 Remembering, 10 Je T'Aime, 20 Maylands, 25 Flotango.

FORM: Gaygo Lady (8-8) 5th beaten 4l to Dinner Toast (rec 9lb) with Remembering (rec 31lb) 10th 12 ran. Ascot 1m h'cap good to firm Sep. 23. Je T'Aime (8-9) 5th beaten 3l to Jhansi Ki Rani (gave 1lb) 17 ran. Goodwood 7f h'cap soft Sep. 28 Onaizah (8-13) 2nd beaten 1½l to Elect (gave 5lb) 6 ran. Yarmouth 1m 2f stks soft Sep. 16. Maylands (8-1) 6th beaten 9l to Kuwait Sun (gave 11lb) 6 ran. Yarmouth 1m 2f stks good Sep. 15. Coming And Going (8-12) 5th beaten 8l to Tetron Bay (gave 2lb) 8 ran. Kempton 1m h'cap good Sep. 3. Flotango (8-11) 8th beaten over 20l to Chrysicba (level) 8 ran. Windsor 1m 70yd stks good to firm Aug. 22.
SELECTION: Onaizah.

4.10 TANKERVILLE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £6,136: 7f) (7)

504 141210 BUZZLER (B) (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 9-7 P Cook 6
505 100 FORELLE (C) (P Goulandris) D Laing 9-6 W Newnes 2
507 12 LEIPZIG (Snailwell Stud) M Stoute 9-3 W R Swinburn 1
509 0421 ALNOOD (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 9-2 (5 ex) T Ives 3
511 014442 MR ROCHESTER (B) (A Herbage) G Balding 8-13 Pat Eddery 7
514 331303 VICEROY LAD (D) (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 8-9 A McGlone 3 5
520 3000 ATITHASSOS (Mrs A Munce) M Francis 7-7 S Dawson 5 4

13-8 Alnood, 9-4 Leippzig, 6 Buzzler, 8 Forelle, 12 Mr Rochester, 16 Viceroy Lad, 20 Atithassos.

4.40 MAYFLOWER STAKES (apprentices: £2,460: 1m) (7)

601 2011110 HOLLYWOOD PARTY (D) (A Shead) B Hills 4-9-3 – 4
602 001431 CORNISH GEM (D) (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 4-9-0 R Boucher 10 3
605 330300 MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN (P Bowditch) L Cottrell 4-8-11 G Dickie 5 5
606 000-220 MINMAX (B) (M Heinemann) Pat Mitchell 5-8-11 Gay Kelleway 6
607 314214 RAPID LAD (D) (S Borsberry) J Spearing 5-8-11 A McGlone 2
609 1141-00 SILK SARI (W Jones (jun) G Harwood 3-8-5 W Woods 8 1
611 00 XUANDE (W Wightman) W Wightman 3-8-2 T Williams 3 7

2 Hollywood Party, 7-2 Silk Sari, 4 Cornish Gem, 6 Minmax, 8 Rapid Lad, 10 Xuande, 12 Manchesterskytrain,

Ascot selections

By Michael Seely

2.0. Red Injun. 2.30 Spaced To Run. 3.5 Deutschmark. 3.40 Gaygo Lady. 4.10 Alnood. 4.40 Hollywood Party.

By Our Newmarket Corespondent

2.0 Hannah Lightfoot. 2.30 Therapeutic. 3.5 Deutschmark. 3.40 Onaizah. 4.10 Leipzig.

York

Draw: no advantage.

Tote: Double 3.0, 4.5 Treble: 2.30, 3.35, 4.40.

2.0 HONG KONG STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £3,678: 6f) (10)

1 3321 BETSY BAY (D) (Oceanic Ltd) M Jarvis 9-1 B Raymond 1
6 CATS (Ld H de Walden) E Weymes 8-8 G Duffield 4
7 0 CLUNK CLICK (E Mack) J Hundley 8-8 B Taylor 10
9 GATE-CRASH (Duke of Sutherland) J W Watts 8-8 E Hide 2
11 LLANDDONA (Mrs J Shedden) B Hobbs 8-8 G Baxter 9
12 0 MATTAGIRL –Cheveley Park Stud) C Brittain 8-8 J Seagrave 7
15 000 MISS GOLDINGAY (Mrs P Wragg) M W Easterby 8-8 – 3
16 0 PICKLED PEACHES (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 8-8 S Cauthen 5
17 304 PLAITS (J Bryce) R Armstrong 8-8 W Carson 6
18 02 RAILROAD LADY (N Chapman) R Hollinshead 8-8 S Perks 8

11-4 Plaits, 7-2 Railroad Lady, 5 Betsy Bay, 7 Llanddona, 10 Pickled Peaches, 12 Clunk Click, 16 Cats, 20 others.

2.30 PEAK HANDICAP (£3,973: 1m 2f 110yd) (14)

1 200335 CASH OR CARRY (Mrs M Whitney) B Hanbury 9-7 L Piggott 11
3 120023 LUIGI'S GLORY (P Cooper) R Williams 9-5 R Cochrane 6
4 024404 GALLANT BUCK (W Briggs) M Jarvis 9-5 B Raymond 4
5 0-0020 PITTSFIELD (K Hsu) B Hills 9-5 S Cauthen 14
6 0040-40 SIX O SIX AUCTION 606 Motor Auction) C Thornton 9-1 G Duffield 3
7 00-300 INDIAN MOONSHINE (G Reed) C Thornton 9-0 J Bleasdale 8
8 00-4000 ALMA-CANDY (B) (Food Brokers) J Bethell 9-0 J Matthias 9
9 0000 KEYCORN (H Key) M H Easterby 9-0 K Hodgson 12
10 000000 VERBARIUM (G Rogers) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 5 5
11 001204- ORANGE BLOSSOM (B) (M O'Horan) J Etherington 8-10 J Seagrave 2
13 3-000 GARY SHAW (B) (L Senchal) I Walker 8-8 P Colquhoun 7
14 040004 ROSE OF THE NORTH (J Ward) J Wilson 8-7 K Darley 1
15 0-000 MAFOO'S MESSAGE (Mafoo Racing) J Bethell 8-5 E Hide 10
17 0-00000 MISS SINCLAIR (Sinclair Developments) M Lambert 8-2 M Birch 13

100-30 Pittsfield, 4 Luigi's Glory, 9-2 Cash Or Carry, 7 Gallant Buck, 8 Orange Blossom, 12 Keycorn, Rose Of The North, 16 others.

3.0 HAPPY VALLEY STAKES (£5,012: 1m 4f) (5)

2 0-12320 FLOWER PRINCE (D) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 4-9-9 W Carson 4
3 112232 GAY LEMUR (C) (Eva Lady Rosebery) B Hobbs 3-8-12 G Baxter 2
4 2-103 JASPER (D) (D Prenn) J Dunlop 3-8-9 L Piggott 5
5 334203 NESTOR (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 3-8-9 P Waldron 3
8 10 SHUMARD (J Beech) R Fisher 3-8-6 E Hide 1

11-10 Jasper, 7-4 Gay Lemur, 11-2 Flower Prince, Nestor, 25 Shumard.

3.35 SHA TIN HANDICAP (2-y-o: £9,143: 6f) (16)

3 1233 HANDSTAND (C) (Mrs M Haggas) J W Watts 9-7 E Hide 7
4 140 IDEAL HOME (C) (Mrs S Jones) M H Easterby 9-3 M Birch 1
5 0114 NILE EMPRESS (CD) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-2 S Cauthen 14
10 010 ISPAHAN (D) (G Vanian) J Dunlop 8-11 L Piggott 16
12 104 TUFT HILL (D) (M Wickham-Boynton) J Etherington 8-10 G Duffield 2
14 100 HIMSELF (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 8-7 B Raymond 8
15 033120 NEPHRITE (D)(B) (Baroness H Thyssen) R Houghton 8-7 J Reid 5
16 00D143 AMIGO LOCO (B) (J Li) K Brassey 8-6 R Weaver 3
19 201 LOVERS BID (D) (Mrs J Hindley) J Hindley 8-4 B Taylor 10
20 0213 MELAURA BELLE (Maj P Bell) T Barron 8-3 – 12
21 021234 EMERGENCY PLUMBER (B)(D) (Robert Prettie) B Hanbury 8-2 G Baxter 11
22 041D MANERLY (D) (Mrs R Vereker) Thomson Jones 8-2 M Hills 3 15
23 223 BEAU FILS (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 8-1 P Waldron 13
24 320031 YOU LOVE ME (M Seymour) R Hollinshead 8-1 (6 ex) W Ryan 5 9
25 04101 SWEET SONJA (D) (A Akhal) G Huffer 8-0 (6 ex) P Robinson 4
27 402011 MIAMI PRINCE (D) (C Watts) P Cole 7-11 (6 ex) T Quinn 5 6

4 Miami Prince, 11-2 Lover's Bid, 7 Amigo Loco, 9 Sweet Sonja, 10 Manerly, Handstand, 14 Ispahan, 16 Nile Empress, Emergency Plumber, 20 others.

4.5 HONG KONG MARLBORO HANDICAP (£12,135: 1m) (10)

2 141312 MAJOR DON (D) (Mrs A Birkett) E Weymes 3-9-7 E Hide 7
4 010000 CROSSWAYS (CD) (E Moller) G Wragg 4-9-4 J Reid 3
5 310400 FELTHORPE MARINER (P Mills) C Brittain 4-9-0 G Baxter 2
6 032001 HUNGARIAN PRINCE (B)(D) (J Smith) R Sheather 3-9-0 P Robinson 1
7 041021 LION CITY (D)(B) (C Machos) E Eldin 4-9-0 (5 ex) L Piggott 4
9 310000 CHARMING LIFE (Mrs D Wigan) M Stoute 4-8-12 B Raymond 8
10 0-30000 PAPERETTO (D) (A Boon) B Hills 4-8-12 S Cauthen 10
12 040000 MURILLO (B) (W Cowell) P Asquith 7-8-9 D Nicholls 5
14 140010 FLORIDA SON (CD) (R Ogden) J Hanson 4-8-6 E Johnson 9
17 000024 RANA PRATAP (B) (Esal Commodities) G Lewis 3-8-3 P Waldron 6

5-2 Lion City, 7-2 Major Don, 11-2 Hungarian Prince, 7 Rana Pratap, 10 Crossways, 14 Murillo, Felthorpe Mariner, 16 others.

4.40 KOWLOON STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £3,670: 7f) (19)

1 0 ASTRAVEST (J Albritton) J Bethell 9-0 B Raymond 5
2 40 BALAASH (M al Maktoum) J Hindley 9-0 B Taylor 2
4 BLACK SPOUT (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 – 18
8 0 CINQUIEME ROUE (W du Pont III) G P-Gordon 9-0 G Duffield 12
9 004 CONNAUGHT PRINCE (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 1
10 00 GAMESMANSHIP (A Massingberd-Mundy) W Elsey 9-0 G Baxter 4
11 4 HAFEAF (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-0 T Rogers 11
12 HARLYN BAY (S Norton) S Norton 9-0 J Lowe 3
13 00 HAVE A BALL (J Rowles) R Houghton 9-0 J Reid 13
15 00 JUST QUAIL (Quail Advertising) G Lockerbie 9-0 – 7
16 KAYTU (R Khan) W Hern 9-0 W Carson 16
17 440040 K-BATTERY (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 9-0 – 9
21 4 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN (Racegoers Club Owners) C Thornton 9-0 J Bleasdale 14
24 0 RED COUNTER (A French) Hbt Jones 9-0 M Wigham 15
25 000 ROOKBARUGH (G Pratt) M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 8
28 000 YOUNG KNIGHT (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 9-0 K Hodgson 10
29 BLUFF (H Alexander) J W Watts 8-11 E Hide 6
36 SECRET WAY (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11 S Cauthen 19
38 00 UP BROADWAY (Mrs W Taylor) R Armstrong 8-11 L Piggott 17

3-1 Hafeaf, 9-2 Up Broadway, 5 Kaytu, 7 Black Spout, 10 Balaash, 12 Secret Way.

York selections

By Michael Seely

2.30 Luigi's Glory. 3.0 Jasper. 3.35 Miami Prince. 4.5 Major Don. 4.40 Kaytu.

Worcester

2.15 SEVERN BRIDGE HURDLE (Div I: novices: £690: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

3 130 Foolish Hooley 6-11-7 C Smith
5 00-0 Brigona 5-11-2 P Hobbs
7 24-0 Corporal Max 6-11-2 Mrs E Mitchell
8 00 Cader 5-11-2 E Waite
13 20-4 Kamag 5-11-2 C Seward
15 B0U Major Gamble 9-11-2 Lorna Vincent
17 000- Night Spirit 5-11-2 S Shilston
18 000- Oaspan 5-11-2 M Williams
19 00 Stick's Brother 5-11-2 M O'Halloran
22 33-4 Wooly Jumper 5-11-2 J Francome
24 300 Devenports Lady 5-10-11 P Scudamore
26 000- Just Peg 7-10-11 N Madden
32 000- Floating Lover 4-10-9 Mr N Mitchell
37 oU-0 Skytrain Jetset 4-10-9 B De Haan

7-4 Wooly Jumper, 5-2 Kamag, Foolish Hooley, 8 Night Spirit.

2.45 BOATHOUSE CHASE (novices: £1,312: 2m) (11)

3 2-21 Ring-Lou 8-11-10 P Warner
10 U12- Big Jake 7-11-3 E Waite
13 403- Dickie Murray 6-11-3 J Francome
15 4F-2 Golden Cymbal (B) 8-11-3 M Williams
16 000/ Grey Mate 9-11-3 P Scudamore
20 00-0 Hooded Crow (B) 7-11-3 P Barton
27 0/00- Postdyme 8-11-3 R Mann
35 P/0-F The Prophet 8-11-3 B Powell
41 0-43 Tudor Road 8-11-3 C Brown
44 P/P0 Filepso 7-10-12 Mr A Sharpe 4
45 0/P Mindblowing 6-10-12 J Suthern

2 Dickie Murray, 3 Golden Cymbal, 7-2 Ring Lou, 11-2 Tudor Road.

3.15 FLYAWAY HURDLE (selling handicap: £818: 2m) (24)

1 00-0 King Of Accords (B) 8-11-10 W Smith
2 000 Venturion 8-11-8 L Mancini 7
3 314 Handsom Kid (B) 7-11-7 (7 ex) T Wall 4
5 021 Spark Off 7-11-4 L Bloomfield 4
10 312 Wee William 8-11-3 (7 ex) C Evans 4
11 00-0 The Downs 7-11-2 G Old
12 323 Ascot Blue 10-11-1 G Davies
13 013/ Tarwhite 11-11-1 G Jnes
16 404/ Golden Dee 8-10-13 J Bryan
17 F-00 Waltzer 12-10-13 M Ayliffe 4
19 000/ Ascot Again 7-10-12 S O'Neill
22 000- Kings Town 6-10-10 R Hyett
23 On Sight 10-10-9 Mrs J Owen 7
24 40-0 Light Of Zion 10-10-9 E Waite
25 0-00 Reluctant Hero (B) 4-10-9 Lorna Vincent
26 43-0 Tennis Track 5-10-9 W Hayes 7
27 040- Baron de Holland 9-10-9 A Brown
28 3B0 Irish Noble 8-10-8 P Croucher 7
30 1FB Whatton Marina (B) 5-10-6 P Scudamore
31 000- Crook Of Devon 10-10-6 J Nolan
36 0-40 Go Lissava 5-10-0 –
37 000- Sea Flare 5-10-0 B Powell 7
39 0-0P Rendezvous (B) 7-10-0 M Castell
40 020- Fine Drainage 6-10-0 Mr Teskerisiance

7-2 Spark Off, 9-2 Wee William, 11-2 Ascot Blue, 7 Handsom Kid.

3.45 ASTON VILLA CHASE (handicap: £1,404: 3m) (7)

2 01P- Oakprime 8-11-8 P Scudamore
10 030- Ballyspillane 9-10-0 Mr M Bradstock 7
12 2-00 Donegal Hope 7-10-0 S Smith Eccles
14 P00- Heriot 11-10-0 G Jones
19 0/4- Go Free 10-10-0 Mr J Cambidge 4
20 3-13 John Silver 10-10-0 R Hyett
24 000- Colonial Lad 10-10-0 J Suthern

7-4 John Silver, 2 Oakprime, 5 Ballyspillane, 10 Donegal Hope.

4.15 THREE COUNTIES CHASE (handicap: £1,077: 2m) (7)

1 42-1 Latin American 6-11-10 H Davies
4 000- Fury Boy 10-11-8 P Scudamore
8 00P Virtus 7-11-2 M Brennan
11 0-0U Netherbridge 5-10-13 P Barton
13 111 Grey Dolphin (B) 8-10-10 (7 ex) G Davies
18 0-44 Fannastig 10-10-4 Miss H Handel 7
20 00-F Such Bliss 8-10-0 R Hyett

9-4 Grey Dolphin, 5-2 Latin American, 9-2 Netherbridge, 6 Fury Boy.

4.45 BOATHOUSE CHASE (Div II: novices: £1,312: 2m) (11)

8 PP-0 Beauvalley 9-11-3 P Christopher 7
14 11-3 Doonally 7-11-3 R Linley
18 P/ Hondaway 8-11-3 –
25 0-00 Owen Glendower 6-11-3 Mr Des Williams 7
26 000- Ox Lesson 8-11-3 J Bryan
29 2PS2 River Rhein 6-11-3 A Webber
30 44F Say Bole 8-11-3 R Dickin
32 000- Sir Eamon 6-11-3 J Lovejoy 4
33 0- Sylva Moon 8-11-3 R Hoare
37 00-3 Comedian 5-11-0 P Scudamore
38 040- Energise 5-11-0 Mr J Wilson

5-2 Doonally, 3 River Rhein, 7-2 Comedian, 11-2 Owen Glendower.

5.15 SEVERN BRIDGE HURDLE (Div II: novices: £690: 2m 4f) (13)

1 404 Cavalier 6-11-2 R Mann
3 40-0 Clear Road 6-11-2 K Mooney
9 0P- James Duke 7-11-2 G Jones
13 0-P4 Rearabo 6-11-2 P Tuck
17 0-23 Wingsofthemorning 6-11-2 S Moreshead
19 -220 Blond Bombshell 5-10-11 M Williams
21 B-F2 Eiroes 8-10-11 W Smith
22 F3 Golden Hornet 5-10-11 Mr P Schofield 4
25 P-00 Pinpardi 7-10-11 G Davies
28 0-04 Man Of Spirit 4-10-9 M Perrett
30 P0-0 Majom 4-10-9 M Harrington
31 P Rock Island 4-10-9 Mr R Harper
34 02- Autumn Gift 4-10-4 S O'Neill

11-8 Wingsofthemorning, 11-4 Man Of Spirit, 8 Clear Bond, 10 Blonde Bombshell.

WORCESTER SELECTIONS: 2.15 Wooly Jumper, 2.45 Dickie Murray, 3.15 Kings Town, 3.45 Oakprime, 4.15 Grey Dolphins, 4.45 Doonally, 5.15 Man Of Spirit.

York results

Going: good to soft

2.0 MALTON STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £3,811: 7f)
TROYANNA b f by Troy – Habanna (Sir M Sobell) 8-8 Pat Eddery (15-8 fav) 1
Ascot Strike W Carson (5-1) 2
Shimmering P Cook (25-1) 3
[illegible]

4.30 BATTLE OF THE STANDARD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,017: 1m)
UNDER THE HAMMER b c by Auction Ring – Threadneedlestreet (L Fanning) 7-13 W Carson (9-2) 1
Askernish Pat Eddery (4-1) 2
Amerone S Cauthen (13-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.00. Places: £2.10, £2.20. DF: £11.30. CSF: £22.58. D Arbuthnot at Newbury. [illegible]

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm

[illegible]

TOTE: Win: £8.00. Places: £2.30, £1.50, £3.70. DF: £6.70. CSF: £24.51. Tricast: £232.27. M McCourt at Wantage. Hd, sh hd. Saxham Breck (8-1). Roman Ruler (8-1) dd-ht 4th. 14 ran. 1m 9.56s. NR Groszewald.

4.0 MIDDLESEX HANDICAP (Apprentices: £1,595: 7f)
MISDIRECTED ch f by Ardoon – Grecian Palm (R Urquhart) 3-8-5 S Selby (8-1) 1
[illegible]

Cheltenham

Going: Firm

2.15 GOTHERINGTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £1,354: 2m)
GRINGO br g by Seebirk – Guanabara 4-11-5 J Francome (3-1) 1
National Image C Smith (7-2) 2
Catch Phrase R Rowe (8-1) 3
[illegible]

5.0 NOTGROVE CHASE (handicap amateurs: [illegible])
MASTER BAVENPORT b g by Hot Brandy – [illegible] G Mernagh (2-1) 1
[illegible] A Sharpe (13-2) 2
[illegible] S Bush (7-1) 3
TOTE: [illegible] Places: £1.10, £1.90. [illegible] CSF: £14.82. J Webber at [illegible] (25-1) 4th. 8 ran.

5.30 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£378: 2m)
TUDOR [illegible] c by Some Hand – [illegible] M Palmer (9-2) 1
[illegible] M Jenkins (7-2) 2
[illegible] W Newton (7-4 fav) 3
TOTE: [illegible] Places: £1.70, £2.10, [illegible] CSF: £21.08. J Gifford at [illegible] Ace (20-1) 4th. 18 ran. NR: [illegible] Colours, Emerald [illegible]

TOTE DOUBLE: £9.50. TREBLE: £56.90.

Hexham

[illegible]

● The Kingsclere trainer Ian Balding and Pat Eddery, who won the last race at York on Wednesday with Corinth, were on the mark again in the opening event at Knavesmire yesterday when Troyanna proved a worthy favourite in the Malton Stakes. The daughter of Troy, with the benefit of an outing at Salisbury, took the measure of her rivals approaching the final furlong to win readily

● Hidden Destiny, bought as a yearling by Sheikh Mohamnmed for $2.2m, made his long awaited racecourse debut at Lingfield yesterday in the modest £1,571 Kent Maiden Stakes, but never looked like taking a hand in the race and finished out of the first six behind the 20-1 chance Lexis.

STATE OF GOING: Ascot: good to firm. York: good to soft. Worcester: firm. Tomorrow. Ayr: good. Uttoxeter: good to firm.

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: York: 2.30 Alma-Candy, Gary Shaw. 3.35 Emergency Plumber. 4.5 Rana Pratap.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Divine Deacon, Boyds Pride, Falstaff, Mandoleko, George Eliot, Nervous Passenger, [illegible]

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Fourth division
York City v Colchester United
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool (7.0).
OTHER MATCH: Yarmouth v Ipswich Town.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Liverpool (7.15); Birkenhead Park v Metropolitan Police (7.15); Ebbw Vale v South Glamorgan Institute (7.0); Newport v Tredegar (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers v Wakefield.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Westmorland championships (at South Lakeland LC, Kendal).
GOLF: WPGA Caldy Classic (at Caldy GC, Wirral).
RACKETS: Masters Singles (Over-40 tournament) (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SNOOKER: Jameson International (at Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

TENNIS

Miss Barker with extra bite brings tenacious retriever to heel

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The first three days of the Refuge Assurance national championships at Telford were mainly a private occasion for the tennis set. Today the general public are encouraged to take an interest. There will be accommodation for 2,700 spectators when the programme is resumed at 2.00. A maximum of 23 hours were available, day and night, for the task of transforming four courts into one (laid in the opposite direction, on a platform) installing the necessary seating.

To create time for this, yesterday's programme was short. The singles and doubles draws were nevertheless reduced to six individuals or teams in all four events (for some reason there is no mixed doubles). The women's singles – of particular interest to Susan Mappin, Britain's team manager, who will announce the Wightman Cup team when these championships are over – is down to Joanna Durie v Susan Barker and Catherine Drury or Anne Hobbs v Kate Brasher or Virginia Wade.

Miss Durie, Miss Barker, Miss Hobbs and Miss Wade can be confident that, four weeks hence, they will be in Williamsburg, Virginia. But Miss Mappin has to decide who will play singles and doubles and who most deserves to fill the vacancy for a fifth player (who would not necessarily be summoned to active service).

Amanda Brown, aged 18, justified her fifth seeding but was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Miss Barker yesterday Miss Brown was a tenacious retriever but lacked Miss Barker's ability to hit winning shots. Miss Barker showed more interest than usual in finishing rallies from the forecourt.

Sara Gomer, aged 19, was beaten 6-4, 6-2 by Miss Durie, whos greater maturity enabled her to maintain more pressure than Miss Gomer's game could withstand. *Miss Gomer is left-handed* and, at 6ft 2in, shares with Claudia Kohde (Germany) the useful distinction of rising higher above the earth's crust than anyone else in women's professional tennis.

The men's draw is down to Christopher Mottram or Nick Brown v Robin Drysdale or John Feaver and Stephen Shaw v Chris Bradnam (these two live a few minutes apart at Winchmore Hill, London). Shaw, aged 20, is 6ft 3in tall and weighs 12st 7lb. As a midfield footballer he had two years with Tottenham Hotspur until, at 14, an injured foot reduced him to concentrate on tennis. His success at Telford, where he is assured of at least £2,650 in prize money, will finance his overseas competitions during the British winter.

Shaw won 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 yesterday against the fifth seed, Jonathan Smith, who saved a match point in the second set with a fine backhand service return that flicked the net cord. In 1976 Bradnam took three sets to beat Mark Holland in Britain's junior indoor championship. The transformation from boys into men has had little effect on the difference between them. Yesterday Bradnam won 6-2, 6-4.

Stephen Shaw playing for his winter wherewithal

Shaw and Bradnam are jointly ranked 446th in the world. That sounds modest but, if loosely translated into Football League terms, probably means they could make the grade with second division clubs. Paul Hutchins, Britain's team manager, said yesterday that such players as Shaw, Brown, Jeremy Bates and Stuart Bale "are still quite young by British standards and are definitely catching up the senior players – except for Buster, John and Colin [Motram, Lloyd and Dowdeswell], who are still out in front."

Dowdeswell lives where he was born, at Wimbledon. A delightfully serene man who tends to drift with the tide of whim or chance, he has had affiliations with Rhodesia and Switzerland, but is now eligible to be regarded as Britains most highly ranked player. At Telford he is out of the singles but has impressed his doubles partner, Feaver.

"In the past 18 months I have played doubles with about 25 different partners," Feaver said yesterday, "but none of the others moves across the net as quickly and as effortlessly as he does – it's as if he's not moving at all." Dowdeswell *may* be a dreamer: but things often happen fast in dreams.

MEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: S Shaw bt J R Smith 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; C Bradnam bt M R Holland 6-2, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: J M Durie bt S Gomer 6-4, 6-2; S Barker bt A Brown 6-4, 6-3.

ATHLETICS

Hot on the track of gold

Britain's challenge for athletics medals at the Olympics will be strengthened by a programme of warm weather pre-season training, funded by the International Athletes' Club and the British Amateur Athletic Board. They will both contribute a basic sum of about £21,000.

The major training camp will be held over five weeks, from the end of March to the end of April, at La Santa Centre, in Lanzarote. Some other events will be catered for at alternative venues, including The Algarve.

In a joint statement from the bodies yesterday, it was explained that the IAC would be giving potential Olympic athletes a scholarship to cover the costs of their training, and the BAAB would be funding coaches and physiotherapists, to make sure that the best possible use was made of this year's programme.

In addition, a number of athletes and their coaches would be financially supported, to help in the development of weaker events.

● Eugene, Oregon (AFP) – The American long-distance runner Alberto Salazar has been forced to pull out of the New York marathon because of a knee injury.

SPORTS COUNCIL

Scotland's bitter pill

By Iain Mackenzie

The Scottish Sports Council, in the three years since 1979-80, have had their Government grant increased by a total of 33.33 per cent while the Sports Council in England have had a rise of 46.2. This led to controversy at the Scottish council's annual meeting yesterday.

Peter Heatly, chairman of the Scottish Sports Council, said: "It has long been accepted that the situations in Scotland and England are different and require different treatment but the council north of the Border are finding it a very bitter pill to swallow, specially as in 1982-83 England received supplementary grant-in-aid of £4.25m while Scotland had to manage with a mere £300,000.

"It is incumbent on this council to make the strongest possible representations to Government regarding the importance of leisure in general and sport in particular in the future life of our changing society."

The aid received by the Scots represents a reduction in real terms. Mr Heatly srongly believes that to ignore the importance of sport and recreation is taking a giant step towards social deprivation.

RUGBY UNION: RELUCTANT ENTERTAINERS AND EMBARRASSED CLUBS

Running saga of Japanese method

By Gerald Davies

Whatever else may be said of coaching, the widespread acceptance of principles of play and understanding of techniques has led to a uniformity of approach. One side will play much like any other, with very few exceptions. But by their very nature and constitution, the Japanese make an exception, and their players must inevitably supply a different emphasis. They did so on their first visit to Wales, but though they were entertaining enough not much success came their way.

It is 10 years since that first visit, when they lost the international match by 62 points to 14; 11 tries were scored with Phil Bennett scoring two, kicking nine conversions. When Wales returned the compliment and visited Japan in 1975, they scored 138 points against 18 in two internationals.

It will be interesting to learn in the course of their current five match tour of Wales, whether they have made any significant strides forward. Typically, they are intensely analytical about the game. What they give away in stature, they make up for in efficiency: in the scrummage, where they will be shorter and lighter than their opponents, they will have mastered the mechanics.

Though they cannot master the lineout to the same extent, they can rely on variety, speed and accuracy.

Elsewhere they rely on mobility and speed, playing at such pace that they leave the impression that whilst there may be plenty of frantic activity, there is no direct action. In the rucks and mauls the looser phases of play which cannot be reduced to an equation, they are inevitably overpowered, and are therefore forced to play more openly

As Shiggy Konno, the present *manager who has been the presiding* spirit of Japanese rugby for the last 20 years, says: "We make no promise about playing entertaining rugby. We want to win. But we have no alternative but to run everything."

If there are problems in the next fortnight they will not be caused by lack of preparation. The Japanese players have been on a carefully supervised regimen of exercise and diet. However, to the surprise of Ray Williams, the Welsh Rugby Union's secretary, this thoroughness does not stop there.

They agreed months ago with the Welsh RU that the itinerary would not be too ardnous and would not include the traditional Welsh opponents for touring teams, like Cardiff, and Llanelli. Immediately on arrival at Heathrow airport, Shiggy Konno pointed out, good humouredly accusing the Welsh RU of low cunning, that Abertillery, the first of their opponents, had in fact beaten Cardiff this season. It boggles the mind to think that somewhere in Tokyo some one has been reading the Rugby results in the *Football Echo*, Cardiff's Pink 'un, to keep up with Welsh developments.

Club-or-county pressures on players regretted by Cooke

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The usefulness of the county championship, which starts tomorrow, is strictly limited as a competitive structure for first-class rugby. As a stepping stone for players seeking representative honours this season it has been overtaken by events, England having chosen their squad for the games against Canada and New Zealand.

It is inconceivable that the selectors will depart to any marked extent from their squad, when they consider England's side for the international championship – unless outside events, like the threatened professional tournament, force them to do so. They must be hoping for a good performance against New Zealand on November 19, by which time there remain only the semi-final and final rounds of the county championship. *It is* to be hoped that one good performance in a championship game does not unduly outweigh consistency of form shown in senior club games.

Most of those senior clubs have been building up relationships with Welsh clubs over the years, conscious of Welsh standards. For several of them the championship is going to bring embarrassment, both for players and club officials. Take Harliquins for example, who play Gloucester tomorrow and Cardiff on October 22, the first two weekends of the championship. Middlesex and Surrey will claim their quota of Harliquins but, since Gloucestershire will do the same for their local club, this weekend's game though levelled in practical terms will have lost its meaning.

Cardiff of course have no such problem. They will come to London, later this month itching to avenge the 34-6 humiliation inflicted upon them at the Arms Park by Harlequins last Easter. They will be conscious too of the defeats sustained at Twickenham this season by Llanelli and Swansea. They will meet a team stuffed with Harlequins Wanderers' players, and the Wanderers have lost the bulk of their matches so far this season.

"Most of the players see Middlesex as the stepping stone to further honours," David Cooke, the Harlequins' captain and England flanker, said. Cooke, himself, in outstanding from this season, was uncertain whether to make himself available for county rugby last month. In the end, he did so, but he regrets the pressure placed on clubs and players which forces them to choose between the orgainization which commands their immediate loyalty and the more amorphous structure which higher authority suggests is the route to individual recognition.

Cooke believes there should be some from of league system, the clubs involved playing a given number of games each season, in which they would field their strongest team. The same would hold true of cup competition later in the season. In other fixtures, younger players could come into the senior side and gain valuable experience, at the same time lessening the physical burden on leading players. "At the moment, as a player, I am torn about what is the right thing to do," he says, and dozens of others will support him.



Cooke: advocates league

The problem with Welsh clubs, is that the fixture comes under threat if, for whatever reason, English opponents cannot put out a representative team. The game against Cardiff has a long history, stretching back to Adrsin Stoop and the early days of this century. There has been some discussion within Harlequins about whether their 'exiles', mainly Scots and New Zealanders, should make themselves available for county games, but that is a decision which has to be left to the indiiduals concerned.

John Currie, chairman of Harlequins, is a supporter of the *divisional scheme which came* into being when he was an England selector, but wa discontinued after only three years. "I don't think," he says, "that the Rugby Football Union has passed any legislation that has helped club rugby in the last 10 years." The London senior club, clubs, as a body, are critical of the current county championship structure, though some of them continue to suport it becomes it is official RFU policy.

If of course, Harlequins weakened team manages to upstage Cardiff later this month, it will be one in the eye for the Welsh, but it will only be proof *of the great strides forward* Harlequins as a club have taken in recent years, not of any great improvement in the way rugby is organized in England.

Schools rugby

Ampleforth's big away-day next week

By Michael Stevenson

John Willcox, master in charge of Ampleforth, the former Oxford University and England full back, cannot yet make an assessment of the college's potential. Two matches have been played so far this term.

They beat Mount St Mary's in torrential rain and on Wednesday of this week met the successful Durham side, whom they defeated 12-3 in a fierce westerly gale which came close to ruining a splendid match. Willcox was impressed with the Durham backs, who might well have engineered victory if it had not been for Ampleforth's superiority forward.

It was 3-3 at half time, through penalties for Durham by the Young England cricketer, Roseberry, a promising full back, and Porter for Ampleforth. After the interval, the winners' pack, exerting considerable pressure, set up a scoring chance for the scrum half Carvill from the set. *Further* pressure forced a penalty almost under the post, again kicked by Porter.

To their credit, Durham still had the spirit to run the ball efectively and came within inches of a try under the posts. Now Ampleforth will be looking forward to even sterner tests, especially their meeting with the exciting Sedbergh XV, away on October 15.

Last year, one of the teams to give all-conquering Millfield a real contest were the unerrated St Peter's School, Bournemouth. On Wednesday, the sides met again but Millfield triumphed 32-12.

St Peter's points came from four penalties kicked by Harold, three in the first half. Millfield's tries were scored by Tarsh (2), Hill, Major, Flemming, and Carl, with Hill kicking four conversions.

Another relatively bloodless victory was registered by Cowley, who played the first round of the Schools Open Rugby League Cup. They met their near-neighbours, Woolston High School, whom they duly demolished 44-6.

Cowley have enjoyed a comfortable start to the season, defeating Manchester, Ormskirk and Kirkham grammar schools.

Few rugby men in the country know both codes better than Ray French, the Cowley coach. "Some of my lads have never experienced tackling like they did against Woolston.

"You don't bother too much in the Union game, if you lose possession. You can always win it back as a seet-piece. Our players are naturally inexperienced in the League game. They don't manoeuvre their tackles. Only once in the first half did we come to the sixth tackle, which automatically concedes a scrum."

It is this facet of the League game, of course, that can, especially to the uninitiated, make it every bit as frustrating and boring a spectacle as Rugby Union at its worst.

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Trade union broke its political funds rule

Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs v Parkin

Before Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson, Miss M.L. Boyle and Mrs D. Ewing

[Judgment delivered September 26]

Complaints by a member of ASTMS that the union was in breach of its political fund rules were upheld by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

The appeal tribunal dismissed an appeal by the union against a decision of the Certification Officer last February upholding a number of complaints by Mr E.M.L. Parkin, including one that expenditure by the union on investment in the development of Labour Party headquarters should have come from the political fund and not from the union's general fund. Mr Parkin cross-appealed on the ground that the Certification Officer's decision that the overdraft arrangement for *the political fund did not amount to* a breach of the rules was wrong.

Section 3 of the Trade Union Act, 1913, as amended, provides: "(1) The funds of a trade union shall not be applied either directly...or...indirectly in the furtherance of the political objects to which this section applies (without prejudice to the furtherance of any other political objects), unless the furtherance of those objects has been approved as an object of the union by a resolution...and where such resolution is enforced, unless rules, to be approved by the Certification Officer are enforced providing (a) that any payments in the furtherance of those objects are to be made out of a separate fund...

"(2) If any member of a trade union alleges that he is aggrieved by a breach of any rule . . . he may complain to the Certification Officer . . .

"(3) The political objects to which this section applies are the expenditure of money (a) on the payment of any expenses incurred-...by a candidate or a prospective *candidate for election* to Parliament or to any public office...or (b) on the holding of a meeting or the distribution of any literature or documents in support of any such candidate or... (c) on the maintenance of any person who is a member of Parliament or who holds a public office; or (*d*) *in connexion* with the registration of electors or the selection of a candidate...or (e) on the holding of political meetings of any kind...unless the main purpose...is the furtherance of statutory objects within the meaning of this Act".

Rule 36 (a) of the union's rules provides that the union's objects should include the furtherance of the political objects to which section 3 applies and the wording of section 3 (3) (a) to (*e*) is incorporated.

Rule 36(b) provides that payments in furtherance of such political objects should be made out of a separate political fund.

Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, and Mr Robert Turner for the union. Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC, and Mr Hugo Page for Mr Parkin.

MR JUSTICE BROWNE-WILKINSON said that Mr Parkin's first complaint arose out of a transaction whereby a number of trade unions affiliated to the Labour Party invested money on commercial terms in the development of a site at Walworth Road, SE17.

The Labour Party, through a nominee company, owned the site which was intended to be used as the Labour Party headquarters. In 1978 trade unions affiliated to the Labour Party formed an ad hoc committee to look into ways of financing the development.

They concluded that unions could provide investment funds and that, subject to its rules, a union could participate in investing in the development on a commercial investment basis, using the general or political fund.

The complaint was that the union's contribution should not have come out of the general fund but out of the political fund. The complaint was upheld by the Certification Officer.

The appeal tribunal accepted the union's argument that the political objects defined by section 3(3) of the 1913 Act and rule 36(a) of the union's rules did not comprehend all possible political objects.

The union submitted that the political fund objects were to be distinguished from other political objects in two ways. First, they were party *political objects as opposed to* more general political objects, and second, that the common feature of all the political fund objects was that they were concerned with securing the election of members of Parliament by public communication and public meetings.

Subject to a small but important point of terminology the union's first point of distinction was correct.

Political funds had long been treated as in general covering only party political, as opposed to more general political purposes. There was some danger in using terminology which equated political fund objects with party politics. The appeal tribunal agreed that the broad distinction was between political activity directed towards securing representation by a candidate *in* Parliament and other political purposes. The objection was to labelling that "party" political purposes, which suggested that the support of a Parliamentary or other candidate who was not a member of any party did not fall within the political fund purposes. In the *appeal tribunal's judgment* it did.

The distinction was between purposes connected with representation in Parliament and other purposes. Unless and until a political fund was established, a union could not support any parliamentary candidate, whether belonging to the Labour Party or any other party or to no party at all, and, after a political fund had been established, the union had to support such a candidate out of that fund.

There was no ground for *importing a limitation on section 3* and rule 36 restricting their effect to directly public occasions.

The rationale behind the statute was to ensure that members of a union who did not wish to were not bound to contribute financially to the election or maintenance of a parliamentary representative who did not reflect their views. There was no reason why a member should be protected from expenditure on, for example, public meetings to secure a candidate's selection or to support a candidate's campaign, but not from expenditure on internal party or other meetings whose purpose was exactly the same. Accordingly, any expenditure on meetings, public or private, which otherwise came within the meaning of paragraphs (a) to (c) had to be met out of the political fund.

It was further argued on the union's behalf that to come within section 3 or rule 36 the expenditure had to be "on" the matters itemised in paragraphs (a) to (e) and that that connoted a direct payment for those purposes. It was said that although the statutory prohibition in section 3 (*1*) prohibited the application of funds "either directly . . . or otherwise indirectly," that statutory prohibition was spent once the union adopted rules complying with section 3 (1) (a). Moreover, although the words "in furtherance of" political fund objects were wide, *they connoted a subjective element*, namely the union's intension to achieve the objects specified in paragraphs (a) to (e).

The appeal tribunal would express no concluded view on whether indirect payments in furtherance of political fund purposes were prohibited by the rules, or on whether the test of "furtherance" was objective or subjective. Whatever else was comprehended in the word "furtherance," the expenditure of money in providing premises for the benefit of a political party which, to the *knowledge* of the union, would use those premises for the purposes specified in heads (a) to (e) in the ordinary course of performing its functions, was expenditure in furtherance of those objects even if the party had other purposes which did not fall within paragraphs (a) to (e).

The Certification Officer's decision was right in law. The union had expended its money by investing in the development of the Walworth Road property for use as a Labour Party headquarters with the intention of assisting the Labour Party and knowing that the property would be used for the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) or some of them. The payment was therefore in furtherance of those purposes and, under rule 36 (b), it should have come from the political fund and not from the funds of the union.

Mr Parkin had alleged, and the Certification Officer had held, that transfers of sums of money originally in the annual returns as part of the union's general fund to the political fund, were in breach of rule 36 (b). Rule 36 (h) provided that "no moneys of (the union).... other than the amount raised by such separate levy shall be carried to the political fund". The sums of money concerned were donations from wholly owned private companies.

The appeal tribunal considered that on the evidence the moneys had formed part of the general fund and had been transferred to the political fund in breach of rule 36 (h), was correct.

Mr Parkin further alleged that £2,000 paid by the union out of its general fund to the office account of Mr Callaghan when be was Leader of the Opposition for the specific purpose of research, was a payment "on the maintenance of any person who was a member of Parliament" within rule 36 (a) (iii), and that payment *out of anything other than* the political fund was a breach of rule 36(b). The Certification Officer held that the donation was for the "maintenance" of Mr Callaghan and that there was a breach of the rule. The appeal tribunal agreed with his decision on that point.

The appeal tribunal considered Mr Parkin's complaint that an overdraft facility for the political fund constituted a breach of rule 36(h). They disagreed with the Certification Officer's reasons for rejecting the complaint but agreed with his conclusion that no breach of the rule had been shown.

The appeal would be dismissed. Both parties would be granted leave to appeal.

Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners; Kirkwoods, Stanmore.

Initiating a Centrocon arbitration

Plovidba v Oleagine SA (The Luka Botic)

Before Lord Justice Ackner and Lord Justice O'Connor

[Judgment delivered September 30]

The "making of a claim in writing" within the meaning of the Centrocon arbitration clause was a step to commence arbitration proceedings. Accordingly, the court had jurisdiction under section 27 of the Arbitration Act 1950 to grant an extension of time and prevent a claim from being barred by the time limit stipulated in the clause.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by Oleagine SA, the owners of the vessel Luka Botic, from a decision of Mr Justice Hobhouse who had granted an extension of time to Jedranska Slobodna Plovidba, the charterers of the vessel.

The charterparty incorporated the Centrocon arbitration clause which provides: "All disputes from time to time arising out of this contract shall, unless the parties agree forthwith on a single arbitrator, be referred to the final arbitrament of two arbitrators carrying on business in London . . . Any claim must be made in writing and claimants' arbitrator appointed within three months of final discharge and where this provision is not complied with the claim shall be deemed to be waived and absolutely barred . . ."

Section 27 of the 1950 Act provides: "Where the terms of an agreement to refer future disputes to arbitration provide that any claims to which the agreement applies shall be barred unless notice to appoint an arbitrator is given or an arbitrator is appointed or some *other step to commence arbitration* proceedings is taken within a time fixed by the agreement, and a dispute arises to which the agreement applies, the High Court, if it is of opinion that in the circumstances of the case undue hardship would otherwise be caused, and notwithstanding that the time so fixed has expired, may . . . extend the time for such period as it thinks proper."

Mr Jeffrey Gruder for the owners; Mr Timothy Young for the charterers.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that the vessel arrived at the Lagos/Cotonou anchorage on May 1, 1980, and waited for discharge until September 7, 1980. Discharge was finally completed on November 15, 1980, and accordingly the time for the commencement of arbitration expired on February 15, 1981.

No claim in writing having been made, nor the owners' arbitrator appointed within that period, the question arose as to whether the court had jurisdiction under section 27 to extend the time, and if it had *jurisdiction* whether it should extend time.

On December 10, 1982, Mr Justice Hobhouse was satisfied that he had jurisdiction to extend time and that it was a proper case in which to grant the required extension. The course taken before the judge was unusual because the actual hearing was devoted to whether or not he should exercise his discretion.

Mr Gruder however, took the point that the court had no power under section 27 to extend the charterers' time for making a claim in writing in view of the decision of the Court of Appeal in *The Oltenia* ([1982] 1 WLR 871). That was not a decision on the wording of the Centrocon arbitration clause, but on quite a different clause and it had been distinguished by Mr Justice Lloyd in *The Sandalion* ([1983] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 514), a decision on the Centrocon arbitration clause.

Mr Justice Hobhouse had, a week before the application, in an unreported decision, decided the point in the same way as Mr Justice Lloyd. Mr Gruder therefore reserved the point and Mr Justice Hobhouse gave the owners leave to appeal specifically on the question whether on the true construction of the contract and of section 27 he had jurisdiction to make his order.

Mr Gruder's point could be expressed quite simply. The Centrocon clause contained two different *requirements which had to be* fulfilled by the charterers within three months of final discharge: (i) the making of a claim in writing and (ii) the appointment of an arbitrator.

Section 27 clearly gave the court power to extend time if the appointment of an arbitrator was not made in time, since that was one of the matters specifically referred to in the section. However, the claim in writing could not be properly described as "some other step to commence arbitration proceedings" and accordingly there was no jurisdiction to grant an extension of time for making the claim.

In *The Oltenia* the charterparty contained an arbitration clause, clause 24, which provided for any and all differences and disputes of whatsoever nature arising out of the charterparty to be put to arbitration *in the City of London. It contained* no time limit for commencing arbitration proceedings.

Quite separate and distinct and in no way connected with clause 24 was a typed special provision of the charterparty, namely clause M2 which provided: "Charterers shall *be discharged and released from* all liability in respect of any claims owners may have under this charterparty . . . unless a claim has been presented to charterers in writing with all available supporting documents, within 90 (ninety) days from completion of discharge of the cargo concerned under this charterparty."

It had been submitted in *The Oltenia* that by reading the contract as a whole it was possible to reach the conclusion that the parties had agreed that the owners' claims should be barred if some step to commence arbitration proceedings was not taken within a fixed period.

Lord Justice Donaldson had observed that that involved linking the clause M2 limit to the arbitration clause and in giving a very wide construction to the concept of taking a step to commence arbitration proceedings. *As* to the linking, he had earlier observed that clause M2 had no apparent connexion with the commencement of arbitration proceedings within 90 days or any other time. It appeared to relate solely to making a claim in a particular form within a fixed period.

He held that section 27 *em*powered the court to extend the time fixed for giving notice to appoint an arbitrator, appointing an arbitrator or taking some other step to commence arbitration proceedings if doing so would prevent a claim becoming time barred. It did not empower the court to extend any other time limits.

Their Lordships agreed with the decision of Mr Justice Lloyd in *The Sandalion* that nothing in *The Oltenia* decided that a claim in writing could not be a step to commence arbitration proceedings within the meaning of section 27, if the parties so agreed. The whole of the clause with which the court was concerned related to arbitration.

In *The Oltenia* the arbitration clause and the M2 clause were separate, distinct and unrelated.

Their Lordships agreed with Mr Justice Lloyd that the appointment of the arbitrator and the making of the claim in writing in the arbitration clause went hand-in-hand, that both provisions were so inextricably bound together that they should be regarded as part of the same process of commencing arbitration proceedings within the meaning of section 27.

Solicitors: Thomas Cooper & Stibbard; Richards Butler & Co.

In *Skips A/S Nordheim v Syrian Petroleum Co (The Times*, October 6) the opening sentence should have read:

"Where a bill of lading stipulated that 'all conditions' of the charterparty were deemed to be incorporated *that referred only to all the conditions in the charterparty* upon the performance of which the cargo was to be delivered, it did not refer to the arbitration clause in the charterparty which, accordingly, was not incorporated into the bill of lading."

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COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, on Tuesday, the 18th October, 1983, at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

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Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proofs of Debt to me.
BERNARD PHILLIPS, F.C.A. Liquidator

KENTON TIMBER & BUILDERS' MERCHANTS Ltd
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of Kenton Timber & Builders' Merchants Ltd. will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO situated at 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA on Tuesday the 18th day of October 1983 at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.
Dated the 29th day of September 1983.
D D GROME, Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN BANKRUPTCY
No 1637 of 1981
CLYDE HENRY MAYERS of 9 Stone Buildings, Lincolns Inn, London WC2 - BARRISTER
Order of Adjudication dated the 16th day of July 1982.
D E DOLMAN, Official Reciever, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand London WC2A 2JY

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Dated this 27th day of September 1983.
By Order of the Board, K CRAWFORD, Director.

Re STEPHEN SOUTH LIMITED
By Order of the High Court dated the 8th May 1983, Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 10, Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed liquidator of the above named company without a committee of inspection.
Dated 30th September 1983.
Neville Eckley, Liquidator.

RE MICROSCOT LIMITED. By order of the high court dated the 8th June 1983, Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 10 Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed liquidator of the above-named company without a committee of inspection.
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Car Buyer's Guide

Motoring by Clifford Webb

The Cavalier grows into an estate

An estate car version of Vauxhall's very successful Cavalier made its belated appearance this week with a number of sales-winning features which are bound to intensify the battle between Cavalier and Ford's Sierra for the medium car market.

It also underlines General Motors' strategy for rejuvenating Vauxhall. GM will ship important components across the world to ensure that Vauxhall's Luton and Ellesmere Port assembly lines produce cars which are both competitively priced and profitable.

The Cavalier is powered by Australian-made 1.6 litre engines and GM is now adding Australian body panels and the special rear axles necessary to change a saloon into an estate car. Vauxhall's unions are unhappy about this huge inflow of parts which their members insist they should be making. GM's answer is simply that until Vauxhall sales reach the level where British manufacture of major components is economically viable, it must rely on overseas companies with bigger output such as GM Holden Australia.

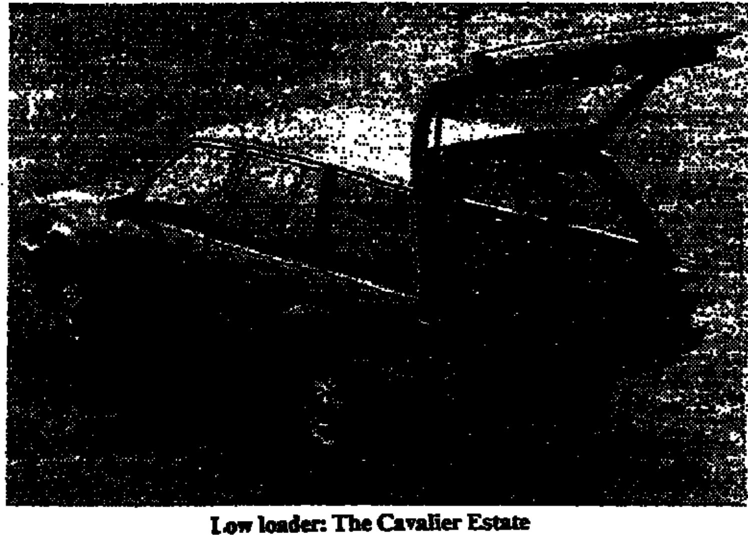
The Cavalier Estate is a very attractive package. The outstanding feature is a tailgate which incorporates the whole centre section of the rear bumper. When raised it leaves a completely unobstructed load platform only 18 inches from the ground. In addition to the obvious advantages of a low floor when loading heavy objects, it also means that you can brace your leg against the car floor without getting dirt from the bumper on your clothing.

A self-locking device ensures that the centre section of the bumper mates with the immovable side pieces without reducing overfall impact resistance.

Another feature is the air deflector built into the top of the tailgate. It is said to direct the airflow downwards over the rear window so powerfully that it diverts most of the road dirt which normally fouls estate rear windows. There is also a wash and wipe system which spreads water over an unusually large area of glass. There are three levels of trim: the 1,600S at £6,143, the 1600SL at £6,561, and the 1600SGL at £7,475. The SL costs £50 more than Ford's Sierra 1.6L estate and appears to be better equipped.

There will be some disappointment, however, that two years after the Cavalier's original appearance, Vauxhall has still chosen to put the estate on the market with only one engine size. I do not share this view and believe the Cavalier's 1.6 engine to be the outstanding mass-produced engine of the past ten years. It develops a very healthy 90 bhp, and delivers it with such turbine-like smoothness that it is match for many of today's two litres.

A short drive in the new estate was sufficient to indicate that Cavalier now has a worthy stablemate. It was extremely quiet for an estate, a configuration normally prone to booming and body squeaks. With only the driver aboard its uprated suspension made for a rather harsh ride, but a bag of cement in the rear transformed it.


Low loader: The Cavalier Estate

Rover/Peugeot

I have been driving around recently in a rather unusual Range Rover. In place of the standard 3.5 litre V8 petrol engine was a 2.3 litre turbocharged diesel which normally powers big Peugeot saloons and estate cars. The conversion work was done by Turbo Diesel of Verwood, Dorset, and costs £2,950.

The problem with the Range Rover, even in its latest five-speed guise is the heavy petrol consumption resulting from its ultra strong construction, and four wheel drive. Land Rover is well aware of this, and the need for a more economical diesel option. Unfortunately, the diesel engine used in the Land Rover is not powerful enough, and the much discussed venture with Perkins to dieselize the V8 is still more than a year away.

So conversion specialists like the Dorset company are filling the gap. But the result has severe limitations. It will return in excess of 24 mpg for average use compared with 17.5 mpg for the latest Range Rover, and its performance is adequate, if driving is restricted to surfaced roads. But once on to even marginally tough going, the lack of power is very noticeable.

The nearest many Range Rovers ever get to tough going is the car park at a point-to-point after heavy rain and for most of their lives Low Drive is never engaged. For these owners and those contemplating replacing worn out petrol engines, a diesel conversion is well worth considering.

Super Capri

It is more than a year since Aston Martin Tickford a sister company of Aston Martin Lagonda, built a very special Capri for Ford's stand at the British Motor Show. It was essentially a styling exercise by Ford to test the public's reaction to a very aggressive looking piece of machinery. Such ploys have been used in the past to extend the life of a model, and the Capri was getting a bit long in the tooth.

Well now we know the outcome: a 140 mph turbocharged "super car" which begins life as a standard 2.8i Capri on Ford's assembly lines at Cologne, and is shipped to Tickford's new factory at Bedworth near Coventry for reworking. The car's appearance is transformed by bolting GRP panels over the existing bodywork which makes it immensely strong, and easily repaired.

The big dam at the front, extended side panels and large rear spoiler improve drag efficiency by 10 per cent, as well as ensuring a head turning appearance.

The already potent 2.8 V6 is fitted with a turbocharger, a Garrett Intercooler, computerized ignition, and electronic fuel management. At 2,000 rpm the power output is claimed to be twice that of the standard unit. Other modifications to cope with the extra power include strengthening the five-speed gearbox, *limited slip differential*, disc brakes at the rear and an "A" frame at the rear to locate the axle more securely.

Before it gets to Bedworth, the Capri sells for £8,653. After treatment, it costs £14,985, and you can easily add another £10,000 with optional extras such as full leather upholstery, coach finish spraying, wilton carpeting, and fatter tyres.

Aggressive looking: The Tickford Capri

Midas touch

In the four years since it was launched, the spectacular little Midas sports car has won a host of friends, including such knowledgeable owners as Gordon Murray, chief designer of Brabham's formula one cars. More than 200 have been built to individual order at the factory in Corby, Northamptonshire, run by Harold Dermott. With a top speed of 112 mph, and a 0 to 60 mph time of 9.6 seconds, the 1275cc MG Metro engine also returns a frugal 38 to 45 mpg.

Now he is adding a special equipment version in time for Motorfair which opens at Earls Court on October 20. Delivery time for the present model is already four months, and at prices from £6,345 to £7,500, depending on specifications, it is not cheap. But with its striking appearance, performance, handling and economy, it is in the best tradition of hand-built British sports cars.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

HAPPY are the people who have learnt to acclaim thee, who walk, O Lord, in the light of thy presence" Psalm 89, 15 (N.E.B.)

BIRTHS

ARMITAGE. On October 3 at Greenwich District Hospital to Barbara (née Pettit) and Robin, a daughter Meriel Josephine May

CAREW-JONES On October 3rd, 1983, at Humana Hospital, Wellington, to Miranda (née Clark) and Noel - a daughter, Katya Ailsa.

CHISWELL - On October 5th at West London Hospital, to Angela (née Hamilton) and Nicholas - a daughter, Emily.

COPELAND. On October 1 to Luisa (née Barraclough) and Richard Copeland a son, James Henry Galton

CROMPTON - On October 4th 1983, at 4.10 & 4.12pm, at West London Hospital to Lesley (née Wedge) & Ron twins a sister & brother for Simon

CUTTS. - On October 2nd at the Corniche Hospital, Abu Dhabi, to Rosalie and Robin - a daughter (Tiffany Zoe), sister to Melloney and Gemma

ESSEX on October 3 to Brenda and Nigel a daughter (Elizabeth Mary) sister for Miles, William and James

EVANS on October 5th, in Bristol, to Liz & Charles, a son

FISHER on October 5 at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Sarah (née Colvilley) and Michael, a daughter (Hannah Louise)

MOSS on September 27th at Kettering General Hospital to Helen (née Robinson) and Martin, a daughter Alice Margaret Robinson

SMILEY On October 5th at Queen Charlotte's to Caroline (née Coade) wife of Andrew a daughter

WENTWORTH-STANLEY - on 30 September 1983 in Ontario, to Cathy (née Van Wyck) and Jeremy of High Wyck Farm Clarksburg Ontario - a daughter

MARRIAGES

FLETCHER : BALFOUR On October 1st 1983, at Haslemere, Surrey, Andrew Hinton to Jane

THOMPSON-BONNAR - on 28 September 83 at Glasgow University Chapel Fernley to Anne

DEATHS

BERTOLLE on 4th October 1983 peacefully Nancy, so dearly loved by her family and many friends, both young and old. Funeral at St. Giles Church Farnborough, Kent, at 12 noon on Wednesday 12th October. Flowers may be sent to Francis Chappell, Crofton Road, Orpington, Kent

BURRIN On Wednesday October 5th peacefully Wilfrid George at Bognor Regis War Memorial Hospital. Beloved husband of Jo and dearly loved father of Christopher, Mary-Clare and Nicholas. Funeral service on Monday 10th October at the Church of our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Rd, Bognor Regis at 11am. family flowers only. Donations in his memory to St Wilfrids Hospice, Broyle Rd, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 4AS

CAMERON On October 5th following a tragic accident William St Clair of 2 Walton Place, London SW3. Details of memorial service to be announced later

CAMPBELL On October 1, 1983, Captain George Campbell, retired Commodore Shaw Savill & Albion Company Ltd. Beloved brother and uncle of Dorothy, David and nephew Bernard. In the Royal Northern Hospital, Highgate. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday October 11 at 12.45 pm. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd, 624 Finchley Road, Golders Green, London NW11 7RR

HEFFORD - on 2nd October 1983, suddenly at her home, Edna Hefford aged 84. Service, West London Crematorium, Kensal Green NW10, Wednesday 12th October, 2.45pm.

HENNIKER-HEATON. - On October 4th, peacefully, Clement Henniker-Heaton, CBE, aged 73 years, much loved husband of Peggy, father of Lindsey, Hilary and Charles, grandfather of James, Robert, Nicholas and William. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving in St Thomas', Goring on Thames, at 3.00 pm, Tuesday, October 11th. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Oxon.

HICKS on October 4th 1983, peacefully after a short illness in Royal Naval Hospital Plymouth, Joan England Hicks R.R.C., wife of the late Captain J. N. Hicks DS.E., R.N. Funeral service at St Tudy Church on Tuesday 11th October at 10.45 am followed by private cremation. Enquiries to G. N. Thomas Funeral Director, Bodmin 2846. Flowers to Chapel of Rest, West End, Bodmin, Cornwall.

HOLLOS on Oct 2nd, 83 at Southwood Lawn Road, Highgate, aged 79, Julius Hollos, journalist and editor. Cremation Golders Green crematorium at 4.15 Mon 10th Oct 1983.

JONES - on October 4th 1983, Sheila Louisa, (née Sallet), much beloved wife of William (Jonah), and mother of Sally Anne, Simon and Huw, and grandmother of Zoela and Anna, very peacefully at Whipps Cross Hospital, after a long illness, borne with great courage. Funeral service at St Edmunds Church, Traps Hill, Loughton, 1.00pm, Tuesday, October 11th. Family flowers only please, but donations if wished to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, SW1

LANCASTER on Sept 28th 1983 Dorothy Mary Turner aged 77 years of 29 Homegrange House, Milford on Sea, Hants. Cremation has taken place at Bournemouth.

MASTERS. - On October 5, 1983, Dorothy Isabel Masters, aged 96, peacefully after a short illness at Elizabeth House, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, wife of the late Frederick H. Masters, MIEE, and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

NEWTON. - On October 4th, 1983, in Hove, after a long illness, bravely borne, Olive Elisabeth, wife of the late Clarence Bethune Newton and much loved mother of James. Funeral service Woodvale Crematorium, Brighton, Monday, October 10th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only by her request, but donations if desired to NSPCC, 1 Riding House Street, London, W 1

NICHOLSON - On October 4th, 1983, peacefully, Robert Allan (Nick), aged 80, of 30 Edith Grove, London S W 10, husband of Daphne.

PARNHAM on Oct 4 1983, Arthur Thomas Parnham of The Coach House, College Rd, Bath. Dearly loved husband of Bessie and father of Judith, Christine and Margaret. Thanksgiving service on Tues Oct 11 at 1.30pm in Bath Abbey followed by a private cremation. No flowers but if wished donations to the British Heart Foundation or the Chest Heart and Stroke Association

POWYS On Sept 29th, 1983, aged 86, Faith Powys (nee Oliver) wife of the late A. R. Powys, CBE, FSA, mother of Eleanor and Oliver

PUCKEY. On October 6, Sir Walter Charles Puckey of Kingswood, Surrey, peacefully, aged 83 years.

ROWLAND On October 2nd, John Rowland, aged 75 years, late Head Forester at Woburn. Suddenly and peacefully at his home. Private cremation, no flowers by request. If desired, donations to The Royal Forestry Society, 102 High Street, Tring.

SANDS. Peacefully on October 5th, at Morriston Hospital, after a long illness borne bravely, Janet of 12 Woolacott Drive, Caswell, Swansea, the dearly loved wife of Richard, loving and devoted mother of Anna & Sara, dearest daughter of Olwen & David Ridgway. Service at St. Peter's Church, Newton Mumbles, Saturday October 8th, at 10 am, thence to Margam Crematorium, 11 am. Flowers may be sent to Prosadee's Chapel of Rest, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4NE.

WEBSTER. On October 5th, 1983, peacefully, Richard Oliver, aged 87 years, loved husband of Marian and greatly loved "Papa" of Jane, Humph and all the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium today, Friday, October 7th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, donations to St Dunstans, 191 Old Marylebone Rd., London N.W.1

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARSDEN - **HENRY EDWARD** a thanksgiving service for Henry will be held at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Great Gaddesden on Saturday 22nd October at 3.00pm.

PARK Dr John Gavin, words and music in memory of Gavin Park at St James' Church, Piccadilly on Sat Oct 15 at 11.00 am.

RUSSELL, Lieutenant-Colonel Rudyard Holt, OBE. A memorial service for Lt-Col Rudyard Holt Russell, OBE, will be held at 12.00 noon on Tues. 11th October at the Guards Chapel, Birdcage Walk, SW1.

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM: News and information service, available to everybody, whether you have teletext or not.

6.30 Breakfast Time: with Frank Bough and Fern Britton. Today's special features are Pop News, with Mike Smith (between 7.45 and 8.00) and Food and Cooking, with Glynn Christian (8.30-9.00). Other regular items include news at 6.30, and half-hourly until 8.30; regional news at 6.45 and half-hourly until 8.15; Sport at 6.45, 7.18 and 8.18; Today's Papers at 7.18 and 8.18 and TV Choice (6.45-7.00).

9.30 Labour Party Conference 1983: Live coverage of the final morning's business. More at 11.05, with highlights in Newsnight at 10.40 pm. The reporting teams: Sir Robin Day and David Dimbleby.

10.30 Play School: The Hippopotamus Finds a Friend, by Sue Pote; 10.55 Play Ideas: news about children's TV programmes.

11.05 Labour Party Conference 1983: back to Brighton.

12.30 News After Noon: with Richard Whitmore and Judi Lines; 12.57 Financial Report. And sub-titled news.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: The finalists of this year's Junior Cook of the Year competition are in the foyer-studio. Plus an interview, and song, from Richard Carpenter who, with his late sister Karen, formed the singing duo The Carpenters. 1.45 Little Misses and The Mister Men; for the kiddies.

2.00 International Golf: Quarter-final coverage of the Suntory World Matchplay Championships, from Wentworth. More on BBC 2 at 3.00 and at 11.40 pm tonight.

2.25 Racing from Ascot: the 2.30 and 3.05 (Bustino Stakes) and the 3.40.

3.55 Play School: It's Friday. The guest is Fraser Wilson; 4.20 Bananaman: with some well-known voices; 4.25 Jackanory: Kenneth Williams reads from Norman Hunter's Sneeze and be Slain; 4.40 Heyyy It's the King: cartoon.

4.50 Crackerjack: Comedy magic from The Great Soprendo. Plus the celebrity final of Take a Letter. 5.35 The Amazing Adventures of Morph.

5.40 News: with Jan Leeming; 6.05 South East at Six; 6.30 Friday Sportstime: The sports programme that attempts (and often succeeds in achieving) an oblique approach to its subject.

6.50 Show Business: Curtain up on a new series about the world of entertainment. Presenter Mike Smith is backed up by reporters Sally James, Anneka Rice, Richard Skinner, and by veteran showbusiness specialist Peter Noble.

7.15 Film: One Million Years BC (1966) Raquel Welch, warring tribes and lots of prehistoric monsters. Miss Welch's movie debut is not without its visual compensations. Director: Don Chaffey.

8.50 Points of View: Viewers hear their names mentioned by Barry Took.

9.00 News: with Sue Lawley.

9.25 The 1983 Horse of the Year Show: Main event at Wembley Arena tonight is the Crosse and Blackwell Trophy.

10.45 Now Get Out of That: A race against the clock by two teams, one British, the other American; 11.15 News.

11.20 Film: The Great White Hope (1970) Screen re-telling of the true story of Jack Jefferson, the black boxer whose life and career were ruined by racial prejudice. Starring James Earl Jones. Directed by Martin Ritt. Ends at 1.05am.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain with Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. Today's Friday "specials" include a children's show, film (8.35), Viewers' reply to the Monday Moan (7.50), Fantasy Time, with the group Imagination (8.05), TV Review (8.35), and Daybreak (9.00). Also news at 6.30, then half-hourly until 9.00, then at 9.23; sport at 6.38, 7.38 and 8.38; and Today's Papers at 6.35.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: A-level biology; 9.47 Holiday with Pay; 10.09 First day at new school; 10.26 Car design; 10.43 Army careers; 11.05 A game for Soldiers (Falklands); 11.22 Picture Box; 11.39 The Cairngorms.

12.00 We'll Tell You a Story: stories include The Cat and the Train (r); 12.10 Rainbow: the toy museum (repeated at 4.00). 12.30 Positive Thinking: the state of our prisons. With Ian Dunbar, governor of Wormwood Scrubs and Dr Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust.

1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 About Britain: The River – a Living Thing: Dick Joice travels down the Wensum, from Syderstone to Norwich.

2.00 Private Benjamin: Army comedy starring Lorna Patterson.

2.30 Snooker: Jameson International Open 1983. The semi-finals. Highlights tonight at 11.00 pm; 3.30 Blockbusters: general knowledge quiz.

4.00 Children's ITV: Rainbow (r); 4.20 Dangermouse: cartoon (r); 4.25 The Animal Express: Rhinos and tree frogs at the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park; 4.50 The Young Doctors: Australian hospital drama series.

5.45 News; 6.00 The 6 o'clock Show: with Michael Aspel. News, stories from the sunnier side of the Street.

7.00 Winner Takes All: general knowledge gambling game. With Jimmy Tarbuck.

7.30 The A-Team: Jumbo jet hijackers are holding the passengers as hostages. Hannibal, Murdoch, Face and BA sneak on board in a bid to rescue them.

8.30 The Bounder: A guard dog comes between Howard (Peter Bowles) and the wealthy widow next door (Isla Blair). With George Cole.

9.00 The Outsider: Episode two of Michael J. Bird's drama serial starring John Duttine as the acting editor of a Yorkshire market town newspaper which is about to provoke a scandal. Tonight: gossip is rife when it is learnt that Fiona Neave (Carol Royle) has been left £20,000 in the newspaper owner's will.

10.00 News from ITN.

10.30 The Making of Modern London: Brixton and Hackney in Victorian days, when the better-off used to live there. And the grand houses of London that never had a grand past at all.

11.00 Snooker: Jameson International Open. Semi-final highlights.

12.30 International Movie: Knife in the Water (1962) The film that brought fame to Roman Polanski. A dramatic tale of a writer and his young wife and the traumatic weekend they spend on their yacht with the hitchhiker they acquire. With Leon Niemczyk, Jolanta Umecka and Zygmunt Malanowicz. Followed by Night Thoughts.

Joan Shenton: Follow The Nation's Health (Channel 4, 10.30pm)

CHOICE

● FOLLOW THE NATION'S HEALTH (Channel 4, 10.30pm) is not, as I had imagined it would be, a full-scale post-mortem into all the medical, ethical and administrative blunders that practically queued up to expose themselves in last night's opening film in G F Newman's four-part indictment of our hospital service, The Nation's Health. It concentrates, instead, on cancer, and the treatment of it. We saw last night what the so-called "commando procedure" did to one victim who had been wheeled into the operating theatre, never to leave it alive. The question of the alternatives to surgery was only touched on in Mr Newman's script. Tonight, their merits (someone describes alternative medicine as a "magical regime") are compared with the conventional method (the "scientific approach"). We learn of one case where "magic" – massive doses of Vitamin C – achieved what "science" could not. To balance this, there is the case of the woman, terminally ill, whose cancer has now been controlled, thanks to radiotherapy, blood transfusions, and drugs – three of the orthodox methods used in the fight against the dread disease. Joan Shenton chairs tonight's studio forum. Young as she is, she is an old hand at tackling clashes between people holding rigid and opposed viewpoints on topics both physical and psychological. The complex nature of cancer puts her referee's skill to the test. She emerges from the encounter with her reputation intact, even enhanced.

● The work of three fine directors is seen to good advantage tonight: Buñel's THE DISCREET CHARM OF THE BOURGEOISIE (BBC2, 9.00pm), which was scathingly funny about the French middle class has, over the years, become one of the worldwide middle-class's favourite movies; Preston Sturges's comedy THE MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S CREEK (Channel 4, 11.35pm), which was once considered tasteless by the censor (in 1943) but can now be judged in a more sensible light; and

Polanski's KNIFE IN THE WATER (LWT, 12.30), an early work by this wildly variable director, but liberally sprinkled with those seeds of genius that were later to flower into alarming blooms such as *Rosemary's Baby* and *Repulsion* and pleasanter ones such as the recent Tess.,

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Oil (where from next?); 6.55 New Tyres from Old? (ends at 7.20am).

9.00 Daytime on Two: Genetics and Genetic Engineering, 9.35 Maths-in-a-Box 9.52 Episode three of Dark Towers; 10.15 Mathscore Two; 10.38 All about water; 11.00 Building a Vehicle; 11.22 Today's World; 11.44 Health and safety at work; 12.05 The Computer Programme: (talking to a machine); 12.30 Business Club; 12.55 Speak for Yourself.

1.21 Encounter: Spain (communications); 1.38 Around Scotland; 2.01 Part one of Willy Russell's play Lies; 2.30 The writer Alan Sillitoe.

3.00 International Golf: Second day's play (quarter final stage) in the Suntory World Matchplay Championships. From Wentworth. Eleven former winners take part. 5.10 Closedown.

5.40 The Friday Western: Untamed Frontier (1952). Fictional flashback to the days when the cattle barons were the power in the land and range wars were practically non-stop. With Joseph Cotton, Shelley Winters and Scott Brady. Directed by Hugh Fregonese.

6.55 The Rose and the Ring: Lotte Reiniger animated short, based on the fairy story.

7.15 Jack High: Second semi-final of the contest for the world's biggest bowls prize. From Beach House Park, Worthing.

7.45 The Ultimate Explorer: World About Us film about the moon astronaut John Young, soon to help take the European Space Laboratory into orbit.

8.35 Gardener's World: From Bodnant Gardens in Gwynedd, north Wales, home of Lord Aberconway. Martin Puddle, the head gardener, points out some of its natural treasures. (r).

9.00 Buñuel Film Season: The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie (1972). First British TV airing of what is generally regarded as Buñuel's most popular movie. The targets are the middle and upper classes. The plot: six characters constantly interrupted during a meal without end. The discovery of a corpse and the arrival of the army are just two of the distractions. Starring Fernando Rey, Delphine Seyrig and Stephane Audran. In French, with English subtitles.

10.40 Newsnight: includes a report on the final day's business at the Labour Party conference in Brighton.

11.40 International Golf: Highlights from today's quarter-final play in the Suntory Matchplay Championship from Wentworth. Ends at 12.30.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Labour Party Conference 1983: Live coverage of the final day's business at Brighton. Ends at 12.30.

5.00 World of Animation: Another of Richard Evans's cartoon compilations. The short subjects include Tender Game, made in the United States by John and Faith Hubley.

5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show: The two comedians' television series often showed them in a better light than their more expensive cinema films did.

6.00 The Coral Jungle: Another of Ben Cropp's natural history films, shot off Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Tonight, he and his wife Eva study the dolphin, both in its natural habitat, in an educational environment, and in spectacular water shows.

7.00 Channel Four News. And weather prospects for the weekend.

7.30 The Friday Alternative: Foreign correspondents, based in Britain, give their opinions of this week's Labour Party conference. And there is an item on "prize turkeys" – buildings which have turned out to be disasters, though some have won major awards.

8.00 The Amateur Naturalist: The quiet pond, somewhere in Kent, that is revealed as a thriving, waterly jungle, thanks to the highly specialized techniques adopted by Gerald Durrell and his wife Lee.

8.30 A Week in Politics: with Peter Jay. Can Labour's warring factions now agree on policy?. And how firm will the new leadership be?

9.15 Ladybirds: Bertice Reading. A potted history of the distinguished black singer and actress. Her guest is Ned Sherrin.

10.00 The Paul Hogan Show: The funny man from Down Under in the show that is putting him On Top in some viewers' list of favourite comedy half-hours.

10.30 Follow the Nation's Health: Last night saw the first instalment of the realistic drama series The Nation's Health, about life in a NHS hospital. Tonight, some of the issues it raised are discussed on film and in the studio. The presenter is Joan Shenton. (See Choice.)

11.35 What the Censor Saw: The Miracle of Morgan's Creek (1944*) Preston Sturges comedy with Betty Hutton as the small-town girl, made pregnant by an unknown soldier. Incredibly, it ran into censorship problems and its release was delayed by a year. Co-starring Eddie Bracken, as the bank clerk who tries to help Miss Hutton in her hour of need, William Demarest, Brian Donlevy and Akim Tamiroff. End at 1.25am.

Radio 4

6.00 News briefing.
6.10 Farming Today including reports from the British Vetinary Congress, Lancaster. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary and 7.00, 8.00 Today's News.
8.43 The Goshawk by T. H. White (final episode) read by Norman Rodway. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs. Rosemary Sutcliffe, writer.†
9.45 Smith in the Sun (new series) Phil Smith takes to the summer playgrounds to inspect his fellow pleasure seekers.
10.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents review a contemporary issue.
10.30 Morning Story: Regret by Guy de Maupassant. Read by David March.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Eighty-Four, Forty-Eight, Eighty-Three. An assessment of George Orwell's '1984' as a reflection of Britain in the late 40s, and its implications for 1983. (r)
11.48 Natural Selection. Frogs in Africa. With Malcolm Coe.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs.
12.27 Top of the Form. Newtown High School, Newtown v The High School, Welshpool. (r) 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Bristol. Includes an item on the revival of the English folk song tradition, and part 2 of Hardy's The Woodlanders.
3.00 News; Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell, in 9 parts (7).†
4.00 News; Just After Four. Roy Lancaster, plant-hunting in China.
4.10 Enjoying Opera (new series). First of six programmes presented by Monty Haltracht.
4.40 Story Time: The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde (final part). Reader, John Rye.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Going Places. The world of travel and transport.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week. Programme highlights with Margaret Howard.†
8.10 Profile. A portrait of Angus Stirling, new Director-General of the National Trust.
8.30 Any Questions? from Dibden Purlieu, Southampton.
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes a review of the Channel 4 serial The Nation's Health. 9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.35 Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: The Heat of the Day by Elizabeth Bowen (5). Read by Elizabeth Spriggs.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 The Seven Deadly Virtues. Terence Blacker on openmindedness.
11.45 Two One-and-Nines, Please. Classic film musicals (West Side Story).
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.

ENGLAND VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 10.45-12.00 For Schools. 1.55pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-12.00 Study on 4: Get By in Spanish. 11.30 Get By in German. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Teleman (Conc in E flat for two horns and string orchestra), Janacek (Lachian Dances), Hummel (Partita in E flat).
8.00 News.†
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Greig (Holberg Suite), Percy Grainger (Blithe Bells: Handel in the Strand), Bach, arr Walton (Suite: The Wise Virgins).†
9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Robert Simpson. The LSO play the Symph No 3, and the Delmé Quartet play the String Quartet No 7.†
10.00 Tchaikovsky: Peter Donohoe (piano) plays the Sonata in G, Op 37.†
10.35 Langham Chamber Orchestra: Lalo (Two Aubades), Walton (Siesta), Douglas Lilburn (first UK performance of Allegro for Strings) and Wagner (Siegfried Idyll).†
11.25 Marx, Liszt, and Reger: Song recital by Anthony Roden, with Geoffrey Parsons as accompanist. The Reger works are the Four songs from Schlichte Weisen, (Op 76).†
12.00 Midday Concert: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (with Malcolm Binns, piano) play Ravel's suite Le tombeau de Couperin, and Medtner's Piano Conc No 1.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
1.20 Midday Concert: part two. Mendelssohn (Symph No 3).†
2.00 Anthony Peebles: Piano recital. Ravel's Miroirs.†
2.35 London Symphony Orchestra: Performances of Mozart's Violin Concerto No 1, K 207 (Arthur Grumiaux, soloist) and Stravinsky's Symphony in three movements. Colin Davis conducts.†
3.20 French Music for Flute and Piano: Works by Ibert (Jeux), Roussel (Andante et scherzo), Messiaen (La merle noir), Saint-Saens (Romance) and Dutilleux (Sonatine), played by Susan Milan and Clifford Benson.†
4.00 Evensong: from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. Prometheus is the theme of David Hoult's selection. It includes Alfred Brendel playing Beethoven's Eroica Variations.†
6.30 Music for Guitar: recital by Alice Artzt, from the Goudhurst College Summer School for Guitar in Norwich. Includes the first British performance of Angelo Gilardino's Canto di primavera (Omaggio a Igor Stravinsky).†
7.00 La Chanson d'Eve: Rosanne Creffield (mezzo) with Peter Pettinger (piano) in a performance of the Faure song cycle, from the poems of Charles van Lerberghe.†
7.30 Brandis Quartet of Berlin: First in a new series, from Birmingham. The quartet play Schubert's Quartet in G minor, D 173; and Mozart's Quartet in F, K 590. Part one.†
8.20 Poetry Now: Michael Schmidt introduces poems by (among others) Anna Adams, Dave Calder, Paul Mills and Robert Sheppard.
8.40 Concert: part two. The Brahms Quartet in C minor, Op 51, No 1.†
9.20 Third Opinion: Peter Oppenheimer, Economist at Christ Church College, Oxford, chairs this new series of weekly discussions of national and international issues. The question discussed is: Are more policemen, and more laws, the answer to the present leap in crime statistics? Taking part are the Chief Constable of Humberside, David Hall, and Richard Du Cann QC, ex-chairman of Criminal Bar Association.
10.05 Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields: Mozart (Divertimento in F, K 253), Stravinsky (Ballet: Apollo, 1947 version) and Haydn (Symph No 78).†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

VHF only – Open University: 11.20 pm Women, Welfare and Work. 11.40 Servants, Masters and the Enlightenment. 12.00-12.20 am Popular Culture: Course Review.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00pm and 9.00) (MF/MW). 5.00am Paul Burnett.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young direct from Washington, DC.† 12.00 Music While You Work! 12.30 Gloria Hunniford including 12.30, 2.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 Ed Stewart including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Sequence Time. 8.15 Friday Night is Music Night direct from the Hippodrome, Golders Green! 9.30 George The First. Len Marten tells the story of George Formby Sr. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Night Owls with Dave Gelly! 2.00-5.00 Bill Rennells presents You and the Night and the Music!

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW). 6.00am Gary Davis. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30 Newsbeat 2.00 Gary Davis (new series). 4.30 Peter Powell's Select-A-Disc. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show.† VHS Radios 1 and 2 5.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Breakthrough. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The English Air. 8.30 Modern English Poetry. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Album Time. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 10.30 Business Matters. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In the Meantime. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz for the Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Radio Theatre. 2.15 Letterbox. 2.30 John Peel. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science in Action. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four hours. 8.15 Music Now. 9.45 Clinging to the Wreckage. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From the Weeklies. 11.30 Skyscraper. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Sarah and Company. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Classical Record Review. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People and Politics. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 A Mozart Pilgrimage. 3.50 Recording of the Week. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Kings of Jazz. 5.45 The World Today. All times in GMT

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 WALES: 12.57-1.00pm News. 3.53-3.55 News. 6.05-6.30 Wales today. 10.45-11.00 Sportfolio. 11.00-11.50 Week In Week Out. 11.50-11.51 News. 11.50-1.30am Film: The Great White Hope (1970) (James Earl Jones). Scotland: 12.55-1.00 News. 6.05-6.30 Reporting Scotland. 10.45-11.15 Queen's Park Bowls. 11.15-11.20 News. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00pm News. 3.53-3.55 News. 6.05-6.30 Scene Around Six. 10.45-11.15 Spotlight. 11.15-11.20 News, 1.05am News. England: 6.05-6.30pm Regional news magazine. 10.45-11.15 East – Weekend. Midlands – Fishing. (Midlands firemen shark fishing off coast of Cornwall). North – On Location (Kelham Island). North East – The Allotment Show. North West – Lynda Lee's People (Four "Agony Aunts" from the North West). South – The Cellar Show. Dorset farmer's wife chosen personally by Hardy to play "Tess"). South West – Newswatch (new series). West – Update (new series) Prostitution: "On the Bristol beat").

S4C Starts 9.30am Labour Party Conference. 12.30pm Interval. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 Stori Sbri. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Interval. 3.00 Labour Party. 4.30 Countdown, Clwb S4C. 4.55 Lowri A'r Capten. 5.10 Wrth Drasd Y Meirw. 5.35 Malibu World Disco Dancing Championship. 6.00 Tlt. 6.30 Addams Family. 6.55 Gair Yn Ei Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Sion A Sian. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Pawb A'i Fys. 9.15 Paul Hogan Show. 9.45 Soap. 10.15 Nation's health. 11.55 Frame with Davis. 12.20am Gair Yn Ei Bryd, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ULSTER As London except. 9.25am-9.30 The Day Ahead. 12.30pm-1.00 A Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.00-2.30 Retirement Report. 3.30-4.00 Paint along with Nancy. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.45-7.00 Advice. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Sportcast. 11.05 Snooker. 12.30 News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 A Bit on the Side. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Paris Fashions 83-84. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-7.00 Central News Friday Show. 10.30 Snooker. 12.30am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 A Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Balham: Gateway to the South. 3.30-4.00 That's Hollywood. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 Friday Sportshow. 10.30 Snooker. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Callahan. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.34 Snooker. 12.30 am Postscript, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Little Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00-2.30 Spice of Life. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30 Snooker. 12.30 am Film: City of the Dead (Christopher Lee): 1.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Bit on the Side, 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 That's Hollywood. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-7.00 Calendar and Sport. 10.30 Snooker. 12.30 am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Snow Children. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30-11.00 Members Only. 12.30 am Rock for Jesus, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 A Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Superstar Profile. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 So What's Your Problem? 10.30-11.00 Press Call. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.05am-11.20 About Wales. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 On the Fringe.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 A Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Callahan. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 What's On Where. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 10.34 Snooker. 12.30am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Mr Merlin. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Sports Extra. 6.45 7.00 Hear Hear. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 Snooker. 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Benson. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Follow That. 10.30 Snooker. 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25-9.30 First Thing. 12.30pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Preview. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 10.30 Snooker. 12.30am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Bit on the Side. 1.20-1.30 News and Lookaround. 2.00-2.30 That's Hollywood. 5.15-5.45 Solver Spoons. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Snooker. 12.30 am Three's Company, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Parkinson affair secretary sues for libel

By Richard Evans

Miss Sara Keays, who is expecting Mr Cecil Parkinson's child next January, yesterday issued a writ for libel ove a *Private Eye* magazine report linking her with another Conservative MP.

Last night that MP, Mr Marcus Fox, said he was also considering legal action over the short article in the satirical magazine's Grovel column, which he described as "a pack of lies."

Mr Jeffrey Wicks, solicitor for Miss Keays, has described the allegation in *Private Eye* as "grotesquely untrue".

Mr Fox, MP for Shipley since 1970, said he had consulted a firm of London solicitors over the article. "They are consulting counsel and I will be coming down for a meeting with them in the next few days to decide what action to take. But all my instincts are that we shall issue a writ."

Mr Fox said he had not concealed the the fact he knew Miss Keays or her family. "Cecil Parkinson and I were in the whips' office together. She was his secretary and I met her just as he would meet my secretary."

After working for Mr Parkinson for eight years, Miss Keays went to Brussels in 1980 as secretary to Mr Roy Jenkins, then president of the European Commission. It was almost certainly during her stay in Europe that Mr Parkinson proposed marriage.

She gained the job abroad with the help of a personal recommendation by Mr Parkinson. But it was not a happy time for Miss Keays because her mother was taken ill with cancer shortly after her arrival.

Miss Celia Beale, a friend of Miss Keays who worked with her in Bursseis, said last night: "It was a very distressing time for her because her mother was extremely ill and subsequently died."

Miss Beale said Miss Keays returned regularly to England to see her mother at the family home near Bath.

It was about this time, in 1980, according to Colonel Hastings Keays, Sara's father, that Mr Parkinson told him he intended to marry his daughter. "I feel let down by him, bitterly let down."

Miss Beale, who still works for Mr Jenkins in Westminster, last night described Miss Keays as a lovely person with a sense of fun and an interest in politics and a supporter of the Conservatives.

Although the two women were close friends, Miss Beale said she had no inkling about Miss Keays's affair with Mr Parkinson. "I am very baffled and have no idea why this has all come out now. I am totally perplexed and feel very sorry for her."

Miss Keays, who intends to bring up her child in a cottage near her father's home, lived until recently in a three-bedroomed town house in Kennington, south London. She sold it earlier this year for £60,000.

Future of minister is put in doubt

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● The timing of Mr Parkinson's late night statement was reflected in the absence of any advance warning to senior Tories in his Hertfordshire constituency (Richard Brams writes).

Mr Mark Pendlington, aged 26, his full-time agent in the Hertsmere seat, and Mr Anthony Gattward, the local party chairman, were both totally unprepared.

"I heard about it like the rest of the public, when I picked up the papers this morning", Mr Pendlington said yesterday.

Both he and Mr Gattward leapt to the defence of their MP, declared the affair to be "private matter", praised Mr Parkinson in the most glowing terms and said local party supporters had already indicated continued backing.

Asked if he thought Mr Parkinson should resign, Mr Pendlington said: "Oh God no; absolutely not. I don't think it will affect his career at all. He has been MP for 12 years. We have trusted him and will continue to trust him for another 12 years. He is an excellent constituency MP.

"From the calls we have this morning the reaction of local Tories is one of total loyalty. I trust Mr Parkinson's judgment and I know the way he has handled the problem is right."

Women's hand fails to rock Labour Party



Heady days: The nine Labour MPs who were among the 14 women in the 1929 Parliament. The photograph, taken from a new book, *Those were the days*, shows Miss Margaret Bondfield, the first woman Cabinet Minister, (centre), with (left to right): Miss S. Lawrence, Dr Ethel Bentham, Mrs M. Hamilton, Dr Marion Phillips, Lady Cynthia Mosley, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Miss E. Picton-Turbervill, and Miss Jenny Lee.

Women have long felt they get a bad deal in the Labour Party. As recently as 1970 Labour fielded no more than 29 candidates in a general election. At this week's Brighton conference Miss Lesley Courcouf upbraided her fellow delegates for remarks that were "foul, sexist rubbish". PHILIP WEBSTER reports on the fate of proposals debated yesterday that aimed to give women a bigger say.



Miss Lesley Courcouf: Upraided delegates

No one attempts to deny that women have little say in the Labour Party and nowhere is it more evident than at annual conferences.

Of the trade union delegates at Brighton this week, 91.5 per cent are male (555 men to 51 women), as are 73.9 per cent of the delegates from constituency Labour parties (447 men to 158 women) and 73.7 per cent of the representatives from socialist societies.

Women's influence on the party's supreme policy-making body is minimal, particularly as the constituency parties where their representation is at least noticable, have less than 10 per cent of the votes at conference. In addition, only 10 of Labour's 208 MPs are women.

Yesterday the trade union block votes, accounting for about 90 per cent of conference, voting, were again mobilized to prevent most of a series of reforms proposed by the Labour Women's action committee set up three years ago.

A motion which would have allowed the Labour women's conference to elect the five members of the women's section of the national executive was rejected as the unions guarded their rights to elect them and determine the political complexion of the NEC.

The move was opposed on the ground that as the NEC is answerable to the conference a significant part of it should not be elected elsewhere.

Labour's women activists insist that the national executive is unsympathetic to their aims. Loud protests have been made this week about the allegedly restrictive manner in which the NEC applies the rule which allows constituency parties to send an extra woman delegate if more than 1500 affiliated members are women.

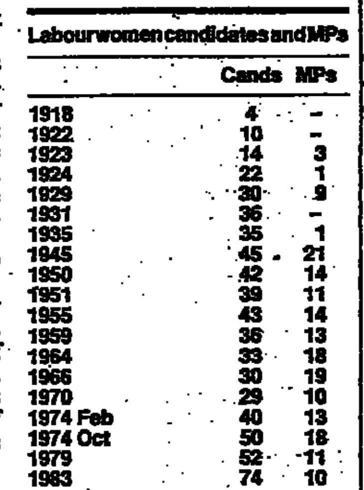
Miss Ann Pettifor, secretary of the action committee, claims that such action is symbolic of the innate conservatism throughout the party towards moves to increase the rights of women members. "We are totally male dominated", she says.

She says that in the conference debate on low pay not one woman was called to speak, although 75 per cent of the low paid are women.

Little satisfaction is drawn from the fact that in the general election the party fielded 77 women parliamentary candidates, it highest ever.

The NEC in its annual report to the conference admitted that the figure was abysmally small.

Miss Joyce Gould, Labour's chief women's officer and assistant national agent, admits that women are badly discriminated against in the party but she, and the women's action committee, would concede that the situation may be beginning to improve.



Labour women candidates and MPs

	Cands	MPs
1918	4	–
1922	10	–
1923	14	3
1924	22	1
1929	30	9
1931	36	–
1935	35	1
1945	45	21
1950	42	14
1951	39	11
1955	43	14
1959	36	13
1964	33	18
1966	30	19
1970	29	10
1974 Feb	40	13
1974 Oct	50	18
1979	52	11
1983	74	10

The figures for women's attendance at the conference show a small improvement. Yesterday's conference rejected, but by a narrow majority, the proposal to convene a "rules conference" to draw up a constitution for the party's women's organization.

The proposal will come back next year with greater hopes of success.

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Letter from Blenheim

Tapestry of peace woven from war

The view from the hill was like one of those tapestry panoramas that hang in English stately homes: distant bluish hills, half hidden by light mist, autumnal fields of dull greenland-ochre, occasional lonely trees, the foreground criss-crossed by hedges and a small stream.

You could just see the outline of the old castle at Höchstädt on the horizon. To the left the sleepy cluster of red roofs and farm buildings gave the little Bavarian village an eternal look – although it rose from the ashes of the settlement burnt down on that fateful August day in 1704. And there, straight ahead, rose the church spire of Blindheim, known to the English-speaking world as Blenheim.

I mentally filled in the tapestry as Herr Georg Strobel, a local teacher, pointed out the battle lines. Over there were Marlborough's troops hotfoot from their march through Germany. In the centre was the swaggering French Army, unbeaten for five years, drawn up behind the marshy Nebelbach stream (now no more than a drainage ditch). Prince Eugen, who had made a secret rendezvous with Marlborough the previous day, held his forces behind the hill beside us.

"The morning mist lifted. The French were taken by surprise. The battle began at 12.30 and raged for almost three hours until both sides paused, exhausted", Herr Strobel explained. "Then came Marlborough's breakthrough – over there, see, where the French centre was weak. It was so clever; three times he charged and withdrew. But on the fourth time the English drew their swords and stood their ground."

I could almost hear the horses neighing, see the gunsmoke, blood and panic as the French, under the Comte de Tallard, were beaten back to the Danube where thousands drowned. The carnage was colossal: at a cost of 12,000 casualties Marlborough and is Austrian allies took prisoner 13,000 Frenchmen and the hapless Bavarians who had unwisely sided with them, and killed, wounded or caused to be drowned another 18,000.

The final surrender came at dusk at Blenheim Church. "Excellency, you have just defeated the flower of the French Army", Tallard told his victor before being led away into a decade's captivity in England.

A small plaque in the church wall marks the spot. There are no other monuments on the battlefield, nothing to guide the occasional English tourist looking for the site of one of Europe's most decisive battles. Only a lichen-stained unmarked cross stands at a road junction outside Blenheim, near the old mill – still in use – where Marlborough spent his victory night. Beside it now stands a stone shaped like a sword thrust in the ground, erected on the battle's 250th anniversary in 1954, with today's historical perspective, a pair of scales where "Pax, Amor, Vita" outweigh "Odium, Bellum, Mors".

John Churchill named his huge pile at Woodstock in Oxfordshire after this Bavarian village, and his descendant Winston came here twice to see the namesake of his birthplace – in 1919 and again in 1929. After the war, Herr Strobel said, the mayor of Höchstädt used to commemorate the battle every year with a speech in English.

Höchstädt is aware of the polite disappointment that British visitors, including occasional detachments from the Rhine Army, express in finding that so little commemorates the battle. On its 900th anniversary in 1980 Höchstädt therefore decided to put itself more on the map and the profitable tourist trail by opening a Blenheim museum, complete with diorama showing Marlborough's forces at the decisive breakthrough. Herr Strobel, an amateur historian, is to be the director and is now searching the archives and writing to British military museums to get the right uniforms and historical detail.

Plenty has already come from beneath the fields at Blenheim: every year farmers turn up coins, ordnance, buckles and the dross of death. Much came from the Danube when it was realigned, including a complete French carriage. The best booty, however, was quickly carted off in 1704 by the victors, including, Herr Strobel relates with a grin, 30 carriages full of the most comely French courtesans.

Michael Binyon

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, attends a performance of the "Pirates of Penzance" by Peterborough Gilbert and Sullivan Players to mark their Diamond Jubilee, Key Theatre, Peterborough, 7.25.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends the City of London Solicitors' Company 75th Anniversary Charitable Ball, Guildhall, London, 7.10.

Last chance to see

Kiln-formed glass by Colin Reid; blown glass by Anthony Stern; pinched and painted porcelain by Nicole Johns; slip cast bone china by Penny Fowler; jewelry by Vivian Pare, and wood engraving prints by Sarah Van Niekerk, at the Katherine House Gallery, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts; Wed to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 11 to 4, closed Mon & Tues (ends today).

Paintings by Jim Andrew, The Ginnel Gallery, Lloyds House, Lloyd Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5, Thur till 8.

Music

Concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, The Hexagon, Queens Walk, Reading, 7.30.

Concert by the Ulster Orchestra, Ulster Hall, Belfast, 7.45.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Concert by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street, Bolton, 7.30.

Organ recital by Phillip Moore, St George's, Gateshead, 7.30.

Concert by Capricorn with Fiona Kimm, North Bromsgrove High School, School Drive, Bromsgrove, Worcs, 7.30.

Piano recital by Margaret Fingerhut, Holburne of Menstrie Museum, Bath, 7.30.

Organ recital by Nigel Davison, Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol 12.45.

Concert by The Consort of Musicke, Bluecoat Hall, School Lane, Liverpool, 7.30.

"Comus", opera by Thomas Arne, Holme Pierrepont Hall, Nottingham, 7.30 (also Oct 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16).

Talks and Lectures

Introducing the Mission to Seamen, by Rev Bill Down, Punch's Hotel, Bawtry Road, Doncaster, 7.30.

General

Goose Fair, Forest Recreation Ground, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, 12 noon to midnight.

Annual Book Fair, the Guildhall, Cambridge, 2 to 8, Oct 8, 10 to 5.

South Holland Festival: Arts and Crafts exhibition, Elloe Hall, South Holland Centre, Lincolnshire, 10 to 9, Sat Oct 8, 10 to 4.

Finchcocks Fair, Finchcocks, Goudhurst, Kent (today, tomorrow and Sun), 11 to 6.

Exhibitions in progress

Paintings by Peter Curran at the Ginnel Gallery, Lloyds House, Lloyd Street, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to 5.30, Thursday 9 to 8 (ends Oct 28).

The George Washington Wilson collection. Victorian Glasgow in photographs, at the Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, 22 Richmond Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4, closed Sun (ends Oct 29).

Sculptor's drawings 1882-1982, Glynn Vivian Art Gallery and Museum, Alexandra Road, Swansea; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5, closed Sun (ends Oct 29).

Oxford University and College Portraits since 1945, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4, (ends Oct 23).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,254

ACROSS

1 Company whose rep made no report on Canterbury trip (12).
9 First-class fare brought in annually at Christmas (4,5).
10 This is for publication – that's positive (5).
11 Peter's brother once more brings in the doctor (6).
12 Chance upon wit, roamin' in the gloamin' (8).
13 Substitute North African chief put in (6).
15 Crazy cryptanalysts? (8).
18 Pointedly encouraging – second 23's pleased response (8).
19 Legendary Egyptian king's huge flag (6).
21 Trooper gave information about a league in Persia (8).
23 He aims to mate with queen (3-3).
26 Top general making a comeback about 90 (5).
27 Effective worker (9).
28 A sign of rank snobbery? (6,6).

DOWN

1 It's difficult to hold a horse, say, if untamed (7).
2 New York's way to put on shows (5).
3 City Jane loved (9).
4 Lincoln died thus (the day after shooting) (4).
5 Governor gets prize as patriotic leader (8).
6 Thus put off return of outcast (5).
7 Play a part in breaking learner in (4,4).
8 Announces conditions (6).
14 Little girl, we hear, put on dress for Eliot's man (8).
16 Oscar's way of manipulating characters gets the bird (9).
17 Dodging about at home and abroad (2,3,3).
18 Composer had right to a meal (6).
20 Edith's family have good seats (7).
22 Share out the port (5).
24 Go up from about £1 to a thousand on opening of bidding (5).
25 Pie for communal meal (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,253

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

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Top films

Top box-office films in London

1 (1) Staying alive
2 (2) War Games
3 (3) Breathless
4 (5) Octopussy
5 (4) Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence
6 (7) Heat and Dust
7 (6) Psycho II
8 (10) We of the Never Never
9 (9) Danton
10 (8) Yellow Beard

The top five in the provinces

1 Staying Alive
2 Rocky/Rocky II/Rocky III
3 Breathless
4 War Games
5 Educating Rita

Screen International

Food prices

Not everyone can, or wants to, shop at Harrods, but the new enlarged food halls are worth visiting if only to see the superb range of food on display. For the next three weeks the emphasis is on food from Britain, the quality and variety of which show that there is no reason why we should ever tolerate the second rate. Among the special events are daily tastings of shellfish, including cockles, winkles and whelks. There are also demonstrations of oyster opening, crab dressing, butter sculpture, bacon boning, and pie raising and displays of pheasant, wild duck, grouse and partridge. Prices on the whole may be somewhat higher than in your local supermarket, but there are bargains like matured real farmhouse Cheddar at £1.39. For something different for breakfast try venison sausages.

Home produced lamb prices have eased and Sainsbury's have made sharp reductions with whole leg down to £1.06 a pound, and whole shoulder at 72p a pound. With fewer pigs coming on the market, pork prices are firmer: Dewhurst list leg at 84p to £1.20 a pound, and boneless shoulder 88p to £1.30 a pound. Recent good weather has meant a further drop in fish prices of 2p to 3p a pound; national averages are £1.24 for cod fillets, and £1.23 for haddock and 45p for mackerel.

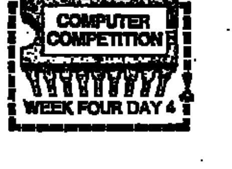
The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.70	1.62
Austria Sch	28.30	26.70
Belgium Fr	82.75	78.75
Canada $	1.89	1.82
Denmark Kr	14.50	13.80
Finland Mkk	8.72	8.32
France Fr	12.17	11.67
Germany DM	4.00	3.81
Greece Dr	147.00	139.00
Hongkong $	13.00	12.40
Ireland Pt	1.28	1.23
Italy Lira	2415.00	2315.00
Japan Yen	363.00	345.00
Netherlands Gld	4.50	4.27
Norway Kr	11.29	10.72
Portugal Esc	191.00	181.00
South Africa Rd	1.80	1.67
Spain Pta	228.00	220.00
Sweden Kr	12.02	11.45
Switzerland Fr	3.26	3.09
USA $	1.53	1.48
Yugoslavia Dnr	189.00	178.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 338.0

London: The *FT* Index closed up 3.6 at 711.4.



National Day

East Germany's National Day today marks the implementation of the country's first Constitution in 1949. The document, which had been approved by a people's congress in March of the same year, formally transformed the country from a Soviet-occupied zone to the German Democratic Republic. The first Constitution was replaced by a new one in April, 1968.

Roads

London and South-east: A4088: Contraflow and single lane traffic in Blackbird Hill and Neasden Lane. A219: Stop-go boards off-peak in Wimbledon Parkside. A21: Auto signals in Lamberhurst.

Midlands: M1: All slip roads closed except southbound exit at junction 15, Northampton; contra flow between junctions 15 and 16. M6: Southbound entry slip road at junction 2 (M69) closed (also northbound slip road from M69), contraflow on southbound carriageway. M54: Lane closures on Telford by-pass, diversion at junction 5.

North: M62: Resurfacing between junction 11 and 12 (Warrington East to M63). A1: Two-way traffic on one carriageway between Fairburn and Micklefield, West Yorkshire.

Wales and West: M5: Lane closures in both directions between junctions 19 and 18 (Avon Bridge).

M4: Lane closures at junction with M5, Blackbrook, Taunton, Somerset.

Scotland: A977: Single line traffic between Crook of Devon and Rumbling Bridge. M90: Single lane on southbound carriageway near Kinross, Tayside. A92: Single lane traffic on approaches to Bankhead roundabout, Kirkaldy/Dundee junction B921 Kinglassie/Coaltown of Balgonie.

Information supplied by AA.

Anniversaries

Births: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, Reading, Berkshire, 1573. His emphasis on "outward worship" as witness to the "true inward worship of the heart", coupled with his support of Charles I's prerogatives in the policy of "*Thorough*", earned him the hatred of the Puritans. Nils Bohr, physicist, Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen, 1885. Deaths: Edgar Allan Poe, Baltimore, 1849. The great fire of Chicago began in 1871, in which more than 250 people were killed; it burned for four days.

The papers

The New York Times cites the "grisly incident" in which a condemned man in Texas was prepared for death with an injection of saline solution before a Supreme Court Justice intervened, as the clearest evidence yet of what it calls the Supreme Court's impatience with death penalty delays. Justice White found reason to stay the execution because the Federal courts in Texas, perhaps taking a cue from Supreme Court annoyance over delays, had approved it without even addressing the defence lawyer's main argument. "Only a few hours before the full Supreme Court, by a 5-4 vote, had rejected another stay of execution, one intended to keep the prisoner alive long enough to file a petition for full Supreme Court review of his case. That was a clear act of impatience- ... Five justices seemed more interested in a prompt execution than the state itself. White's reprieve was the minimum that justice and decency required."

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Weather

Frontal troughs will move south-eastwards across England and Wales. A depression S of Iceland will move E to the north of Scotland.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Cloudy, a little rain in places at first, becoming brighter later, wind SW veering W moderate; max temp 16-17C (61-63F).

E, W Midlands, E, NW, central N England: Rain in places at first, sunny intervals developing; wind SW veering W moderate or fresh; max temp 15-16C (59-61F).

SW England, S, N Wales: A little rain and drizzle at first, sunny intervals developing; wind SW veering W moderate or fresh; max temp 14-16C (57-61F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, heavy at times; wind SW fresh or strong, locally gale; max temp 11-13C (52-55F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Sunny periods, scattered showers developing; wind SW moderate or fresh; max temp 14-15C (57-59F).

Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind SW fresh or strong; max temp 11-13C (52-55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Unsettled; perhaps dry in parts of S; near normal temperatures but becoming warmer later.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind SW veering W fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW fresh locally strong veering NW moderate, sea moderate or rough becoming slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W moderate increasing strong perhaps gale later; sea slight becoming mainly rough.

Sun rises: 7.10am Sun sets: 6.26pm

Moon rises: 8.07am Moon sets: 7.15pm

First Quarter October 13.

b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 6.56 pm to 6.42 am
Bristol 7.06 pm to 6.51 am
Edinburgh 7.04 pm to 6.58 am
Manchester 7.03 pm to 6.52 am
Penzance 7.19 pm to 7.02 am

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 63 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 4.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,023.1 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	15	59	Guernsey	f	15	59
Birmingham	c	15	59	Inverness	r	11	52
Blackpool	c	15	59	Jersey	f	16	61
Bristol	c	15	59	London	f	18	64
Cardiff	c	15	59	Manchester	c	15	59
Edinburgh	c	14	57	Newcastle	c	15	59

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Manston, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Ness Point, Fraserburgh 0.67in; highest sunshine: Folkestone; Eastbourne, 9.8hr.

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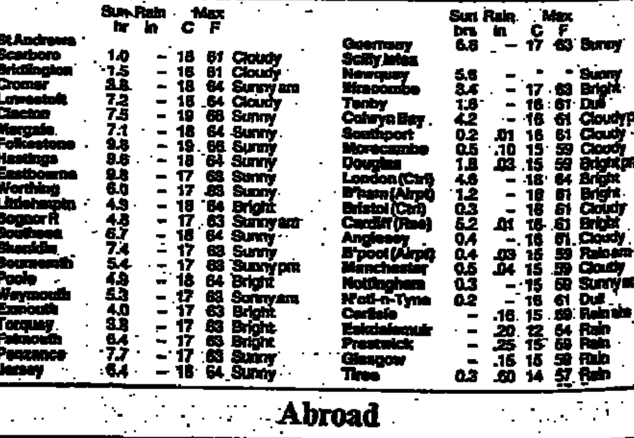
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.05	7.6	9.19	7.4
Aberdeen	2.12	4.7	2.47	4.4
Avonmouth	8.38	14.0	8.54	14.2
Belfast	0.00	0.0	12.18	3.5
Cardiff	8.23	12.9	8.39	13.0
Devonport	7.22	5.8	7.40	6.0
Dover	0.00	0.0	12.16	7.1
Falmouth	6.52	5.6	7.10	5.8
Glasgow	1.46	5.0	2.19	4.6
Harwich	12.54	4.2	1.07	4.2
Holyhead	11.33	5.8	11.48	6.1
Hull	7.16	8.0	7.55	7.8
Ilfracombe	7.17	9.7	7.35	9.9
Leith	3.38	5.9	4.06	5.8
Liverpool	12.12	10.1	12.35	9.9
Lowestoft	10.38	2.7	11.19	2.6
Margate	1.14	5.0	1.18	5.0
Milford Haven	7.31	7.5	7.50	7.7
Newquay	6.21	7.4	6.40	7.6
Oban	7.09	4.1	7.14	4.4
Penzance	6.18	5.0	6.38	6.1
Portland	8.40	2.4	8.48	2.6
Portsmouth	12.22	4.9	12.52	5.0
Shoreham	12.06	6.5	12.31	6.6
Southampton	0.0	0.0	12.10	4.9
Swansea	7.39	10.2	7.57	10.3
Tees	443	5.8	5.13	5.8
Walton-on-Naze	12.49	4.5	1.33	4.4

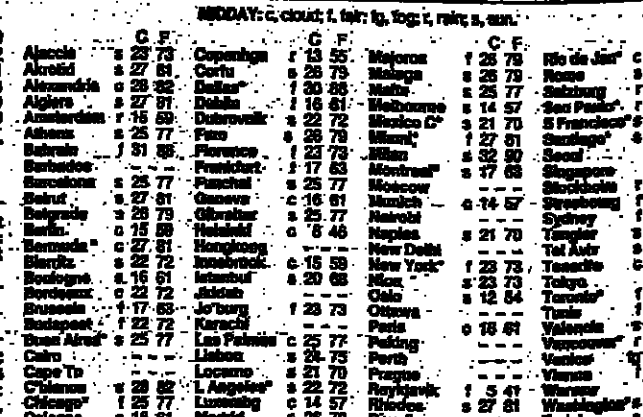
Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews						Guernsey	6.8	–	17	63	Sunny
Scarboro	1.0	–	16	61	Cloudy	Scilly Isles					
Bridlington	7.5	–	16	61	Cloudy	Newquay	5.6	–	*	*	Sunny
Cromer	8.8	–	18	64	Sunny am	Ilfracombe	3.4	–	17	63	Bright
Lowestoft	7.2	–	18	64	Cloudy	Tenby	1.8	–	16	61	Dull
Clacton	7.5	–	19	66	Sunny	Colwyn Bay	4.2	–	16	61	Cloudy pm
Margate	7.1	–	18	64	Sunny	Southport	0.2	.01	16	61	Cloudy
Folkestone	9.8	–	19	66	Sunny	Morecambe	0.5	.10	15	59	Cloudy
Hastings	9.6	–	18	64	Sunny	Douglas	1.8	.03	15	59	Bright pm
Eastbourne	9.8	–	17	63	Sunny	London (Ctr)	4.6	–	18	64	Bright
Worthing	6.0	–	17	63	Sunny	B'ham (Airpt)	1.2	–	16	61	Bright
Littlehampton	4.9	–	18	64	Bright	Bristol (Ctr)	0.3	–	16	61	Cloudy
Bognor R	4.8	–	17	63	Sunny am	Cardiff (Rae)	5.2	.01	16	61	Bright
Southsea	6.7	–	18	64	Sunny	Anglesey	0.4	–	16	61	Cloudy
Shanklin	7.4	–	17	63	Sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	0.4	.03	15	59	Rain am
Bournemouth	5.4	–	17	63	Sunny pm	Manchester	0.5	.04	15	59	Cloudy
Poole	4.9	–	18	64	Bright	Nottingham	0.3	–	15	59	Sunny am
Weymouth	5.3	–	17	63	Sunny am	N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.2	–	16	61	Dull
Exmouth	4.0	–	17	63	Bright	Carlisle	–	.16	15	59	Rain am
Torquay	3.8	–	17	63	Bright	Eskdalemuir	–	.20	12	54	Rain
Falmouth	6.4	–	17	63	Bright	Prestwick	–	.25	15	59	Rain
Penzance	7.7	–	17	63	Sunny	Glasgow	–	.15	15	59	Rain
Jersey	6.4	–	18	64	Sunny	Tiree	0.3	.60	14	57	Rain

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	23	73	Copenhgn	r	13	55	Majorca	f	26	79	Rio de Jan*	c	21	70
Akrotiri	s	27	81	Corfu	s	26	79	Malaga	s	26	79	Rome	s	22	72
Alexandria	c	28	82	Dallas*	f	30	86	Malta	s	25	77	Salzburg	r	14	57
Algiers	s	27	81	Dublin	f	16	61	Melbourne	s	14	57	Sao Paulo*	r	16	61
Amsterdam	r	15	59	Dubrovnik	s	22	72	Mexico C*	s	21	70	S Francisco*	s	18	64
Athens	s	25	77	Faro	s	26	79	Miami*	f	27	81	Santiago*	s	26	79
Bahrain	f	31	88	Florence	f	23	73	Milan	s	32	90	Seoul	–	–	–
Barbados	–	–	–	Frankfurt	f	17	63	Montreal*	s	17	63	Singapore	–	–	–
Barcelona	s	25	77	Funchal	s	25	77	Moscow	–	–	–	Stockholm	r	8	46
Beirut	s	27	81	Geneva	c	16	61	Munich	c	14	57	Strasbourg	f	18	64
Belgrade	s	26	79	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Nairobi	–	–	–	Sydney	f	15	59
Berlin	c	15	59	Helsinki	c	8	46	Naples	s	21	70	Tangier	s	30	86
Bermuda*	c	27	81	Hongkong	–	–	–	New Delhi	–	–	–	Tel Aviv	s	30	86
Biarritz	s	22	72	Innsbruck	c	15	59	New York*	f	23	73	Tenerife	c	26	79
Boulogne	s	16	61	Istanbul	s	20	68	Nice	s	23	73	Tokyo	–	–	–
Bordeaux	c	22	72	Jeddah	–	–	–	Oslo	s	12	54	Toronto*	f	26	79
Brussels	f	17	63	Jo'burg	f	23	73	Ottawa	–	–	–	Tunis	f	25	77
Budapest	f	22	72	Karachi	–	–	–	Paris	c	16	61	Valencia	s	26	79
Buen Aires*	s	25	77	Las Palmas	c	25	77	Peking	–	–	–	Vancouver*	r	11	52
Cairo	–	–	–	Lisbon	s	24	75	Perth	–	–	–	Venice	fg	18	64
Cape Tn	–	–	–	Locarno	s	21	70	Prague	–	–	–	Vienna	f	20	68
C'blanca	s	28	82	L Angeles*	s	22	72	Reykjavik	f	5	41	Warsaw	–	–	–
Chicago*	f	25	77	Luxembg	c	14	57	Rhodes	s	27	81	Washington*	s	26	79
Cologne	c	16	61	Madrid	s	26	79	Riyadh	–	–	–	Zurich	c	14	57

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available